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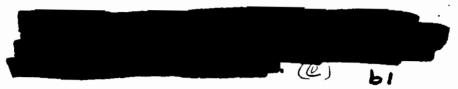


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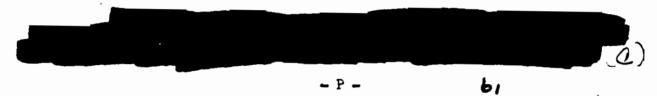
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Confidential informant T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during May, 1956 he learned from CAROLINE "KELLY" CANAFAX that she, during April, 1956, had solicited funds in behalf of the Washington Sobell Committee.



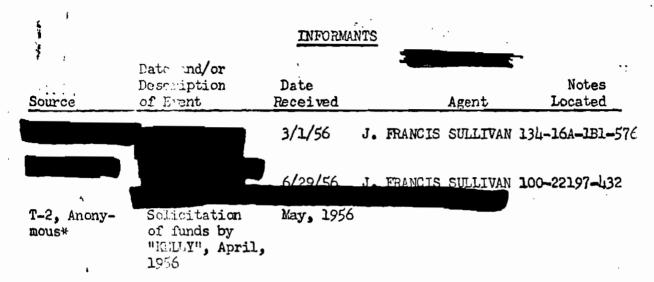
T-2 also learned from "KEILY" CANAFAX, in May, 1956, that she and HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, had been in correspondence with each other during July, 1955 concerning activities of the Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell.







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LEADS

THE SEATTLE DIVISION

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Will continue to cover Communist Party influence within local group.

REFERENCE: Report of SA ROBERT E. MASON, dated January 9, 1956 at Seattle.

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7/9/56

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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Rebulet 6/19/56 captioned National Committee to Secure Justibe in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC) wherein it was pointed out that captioned organization, (CSJMS), had replaced, at least openly, the NCSJRC and to NY letter dated 5/3/56 wherein it was pointed out that a consolidation of all pertinent information concerning the above organizations was made on 5/13/55 inasmuch as these organizations had reorganized frequently, but had retained the same staff and officers although changing the name slightly. In order to simplify the problem of the many different names under which the organization functioned, many of them concurrently, it was decided to consolidate all information into the NCSJRC file.

Inasmuch as all recent publicity, advertisements and rallies of this organization have been under the sponsorship of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, all future communications will bear that title as the main caption for future accuracy and clarity in reporting the activities of this organization. The NYO will continue to consolidate all information under similar titles by the same organization into this file and the NY file number will remain 100-107111.

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7/10/56 SA'RALPH G. MURUY INFORMATION FURNISHED The documentation for this information is as follows: Date of Activity Identity of . and/or Description Date Source of Information Furn. Agent Location IBL "Waterfront 6/15/56 RALPH G. News" dated MURDY **6/8/**56 (Written) 6/15/56 Baltimore Sobell Committee letter (Conceal " by request) 5/29/56 610 CARE SHOULD DE USED IN REPORTING THIS INFORMATION IN ORDER THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED can be described as an individual who is familiar with waterfront activities in the Baltimore area but contact with him has been insufficient to judge the reliability of his information. "Waterfront News", Volume 2, Number 38, dated 6/8/56, was published by the International Brotherhood of Longshoremen, AFL-CIO through the New York IBL Longshore Committee, 188-21st Street, Brooklyn, New York. A casual reading of the "Waterfront News" will bear that out. 'Page 2 of this weekly newsletter is a copy of an article by FREDERICK WOLTMAN, Staff Writer for the "New York World-Telegram" and Sun" dated 11/2/55 concerning IRVING VELSON, "the mysterious New York (REGISTERED MAIL) (100-10711 ESJ Morton Sobell (100-80082 CONTHEIL ILA) Baltimore 100711942 COMINFIL ILA)

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Communist contact between HARRY BRIDGES, West Coast Red union boss, and the ILA."

Page 3 of the IBL publication charges that IRVING VELSON is in charge of distributing HARRY BRIDGES! newspaper "The Dispatcher" to longshoremen with the help of an ILA mailing list. Reportedly some of the persons giving out "The Dispatcher" met with a "hot reception on the West Side".

The 5/29/56 letter of the Baltimore Sobell Committee, P. O. Box 7043, Baltimore 15, Maryland, sent a reprint of "The Lord Russell Debate On The Case Of Morton Sobell". The 5/29/56 letter went out over the mimeographed signature of JULIA SAMUELS, Chairman. The enclosed literature was, in effect, an attack on the FBI by Lord Bertrand Russell. It showed that additional literature on the Sobell matter could be ordered from The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, 11. The Russell letters have been received by many sources and will not be described in detail again.

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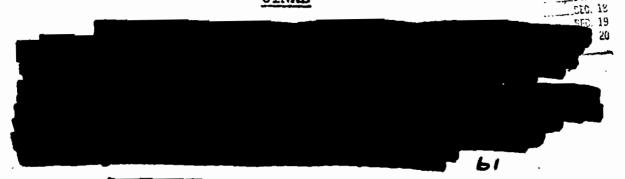
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who has furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated the above information and advised the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell b7d

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On 6/28/58. who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA LELAND F. LOWERY and SA DALE R. SUTTON that he had observed a news article concorning LECHARD BOUDIN, Attorney for the New York ECLC, which article appeared in the "Rlimbeth Daily Journal", Elizabeth, M.J., newspaper, for 6/22/66, the article datelined Washington, stating that the House Committee on Un-American Activities asked the Justice Department to consider whether LEONARD BOUDIN and one JOSHUA BICK, both of New York, committed perjury in denials of CP membership. In the same issue of the newspaper, the informant advised that he observed that the Kontucky Supreme Court had ordered CARL BRADEN freed on a charge of advocating sodition against the state and the nation, on which charge he had been sentenced to a 15 year prison term, and a \$15,000 fine. The informant advised that the name of JOSHUA BICK was not familiar to him.

When contacted on 6/28/56, the informant furnished the following printed material:

The May - Juno issue of "Rights", published by ECLC, Now York; this pumphlet is maintained in Newark file 100-35610-1A-206.

Pamphlet captioned, "The Artist's Right to Travel - A Tribute to Paul Roboson." This pamphlet was published by RCLC, New York City, and is maintained in Newark file 100-35610-1A-208.

The informant also furnished a form letter and announcement from the Monthly Review Press, 66 Barrow St., New York 14, N. Y., announcing a book entitled, "Vas Justice Done - The Rosenberg-Sobell Case" by NALCOLM E. SHARP,

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RE ECLC

Professor of Law, University of Chicago. With regard to this publication, which is saintained in Newark file 100-36202-1A-104,

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to SA ALBERT H. 6 HLBLOM on a copy of the "L. A. Sobell Announcer" identified as Volume 1, April, 1956. This document indicates that it is issued by The Los Angeles Schell Committee, 468 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The following article which is contained in this document is being quoted as follows: 576

"PERTRAND RUSSELL SPEARS FOR FREEDOM, DIFCRIBES BOBELL AS AN INNOCEST MAN

*London, March 27 --- Bertrand Russell rapped the FBI for its 'attrocities'. He made his charge in the MANCHI THE GUARLIAN hoping to enlist the people's support for Norton Sobell. He described Sobell as an innocent man condemned as a result of political hysteria.

"Russell said the 'technique' used by the FBI was to find a man whom it could prove guilty of some offense and then provide him immunity if he would manufacture evidence syninst people who could not otherwise by indicted.

"After a sufficient number of secret interviews, the full desce ds upon innocent people with a passe of terrified perjurers and in the hysteria every word uttered by the perjurers is accepted as the Gospel truth, he declared."

The above is being furnished for your information.

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7/12/56 AIRTEL AIR MAIL SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11/26) FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-10633) LOUIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR St.C. 9 31.C. 10 MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE. .sec. 11 SEC: 12 advised SAC PERCY WYLY on that an aunouncement had been made at SEC. 15 that a man named FNU PERKINS was inviting SEC. 1B SEC. 17 organizations to attend a meeting at the Bellerive Hotel SEC. 18 at 8:00 PM on 7/11/56, with a view to obtaining contribu-SEC. 19 tions for the Defense of MORTON SOBELL. SEC. 20 On 7/12/56 who attended this meeting, advised SA JACK H. PORTER that twelve individuals, , HAVEN PERKINS. and Mrs. HELEN SOBELL met at the Bellevive Hotel, KCMO, on the evening of 7/11/56. Mrs. SOBELL outlined the alleged injustices, beginning with what she called a kidnaping of ... the family in Mexico, through a faulty indictment, lax rule of evidence, perjured testimony from an interested witness, a severe sentence, excessive security restrictions at Alcatraz, and Judge KAUFMAN's refusal to hear the latest motion. A suggestion was made to form a committee in KC. However was not accepted. Collection was taken amounting to between \$50 to \$100. Bellerive Hotel, advised SA JACK H. PORTER on 7/12/56 that Mrs. M. SOBELL. 440 Broadway, NYC, checked in at this hotel at 4:02 PM 7/11/56 and checked out 10:06 AM 7/12/56. No overheard her mention that her next stop would be St. Louis. He mode of transportation is unknown. The above is submitted to St. Louis and New York for information purposes. WYLY. Copies: 2 - St. Louis (AM - REGISTERED) 1 - New York (Info. - Registered) 1 - Kansas City(100-10633)

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BOCIALIST UNION OF AMERIC IS-SUA

Source: Panel Source Reliability: Has furnished reliable info in past Date rec'd: 7-2-56

Agent: SA ROBERT O. MURPHY NY 100-116907-Location:

The source furnished the below described item which is being made a part of instant file.

> Notice of 6-21-56 meeting sponsored by American Socialist Forum of NY.

The notice reflected that the meeting would be in memorism to JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and to help free MORTON SOBELL.

Speakers were listed as VICTOR RABINOWITZ and DAVID ALMAN; the latter was identified as national secretary of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

Place of meeting was shown as Adelphia Hall, 74 Fifth Ave., donation: 75¢. Chairman was shown as MICHAEL ZASLOW.

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Headquarters of the American Civil Liberties Union intends to announce, in the fall of 1956, that they are supporting an

appeal for a new trial for Morton Sobell.

On 7-13-56 who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised a meeting under sponsorship subject organization was held 7-12-56, Kingsway Hotel, SLMO, featuring HRLEN SCHELL as speaker. About 22 persons were present. SOBELL said Judge KAUFMANN had rejected motion for new trial. She urged getting three prominent men plus others to sign petition directed to President EISENHOWER asking a pardon for MORTON SOBELL.

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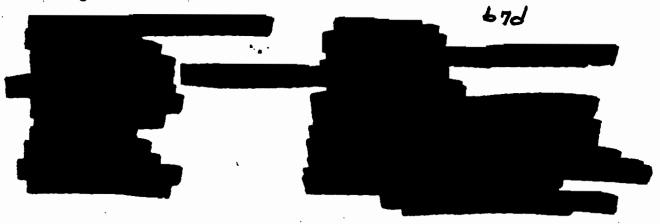
On 5/28/56, Confidential Informant made available to SA HILMER H. KREBS the following handwritten report concerning a meeting held on Friday, 5/25/56, at the Inspiration House in the 1800 block of Kalorama Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., under the auspices of the Sobell Committee of Washington. It should be noted that the persons reported by the informant are as follows and those that have a name in parenthesis after the name given by the informant is the correct name of the individual that attended the meeting. The report is as follows:

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"JOHN WEXLEY, Speaker

"New Evidence of Monton Sobell Case:"

"The meeting began at about 9:00 p.m. and ended at about 11:45 p.m. About 95 persons were present, among those were:

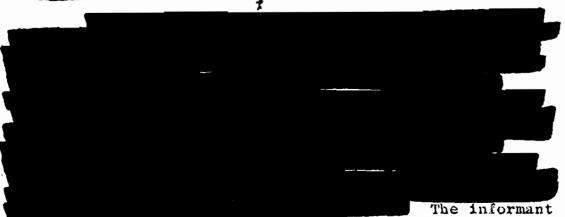


"It was mentioned that there had probably been a press release of this meeting at the Willard Hotel, and someone was probly afraid. JOHN WEXLEY spoke as if the group was willing to change places for the meeting because he said they didn't want to do anything that would hurt the hotel. It was mentioned that this situation would be taken care of later. WEXLEY said MORTON SOBELL can go free if he would say that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were spies. He spoke of a map SOBELL had of Sante Fe, and of an article in "Readers Digest" where J. EDGAR HOOVER said how SOBELL came to have the map. He spoke of HARRY GOLD in the SOBELL case. He spoke of GOLD registering at a hotel where, he didn't need to and catching a train he couldn't have caught if he md registered in the hotel that morning and left that evening. JOHN WEXLEY said he had never mentioned anything about HARRY GOLD going to JOHN WEXLEY said FUCHS had been arrested the hotel room. sometime before MORTON SOBELL went to Mexico. It was mentioned that MORTON SOBELL did not try to keep anyone from knowing that he was going to Mexico. JOHN WEXLEY said that MORTON SOBELL had been beat up and kidnapped in Mexico and brought back to the U.S. and handed over to officials. It was mentioned that SOBELL is in the wrong type of prison. It was said that Alcatraz is not a political prison. JOHN WEXLEY san MORTON SCRELL has one hour a week to exercise.

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He said SOBELL has given up some of that time to read. JOHN WEXLEY said there are three things to do: 1. , to the President for a pardon for SOBELL; 2. Write to U. S. Attorney BROWNELL for a new trial; 3. JOHN WEXLEY said contribute toward SOBELL's legal appeals and distribute the facts of the SOBELL case to the public. Referring to HARRY GOLD, JOHN WEXLEY spoke as if there were people who could tell things that were untrue so much that to them it would actually become a reality. During the question period, VICK FLASHER spoke as if the people would never believe that the ROSENBERGs were completely innocent. was also asked, "llow did SOBELL happen to get into this?" JOHN WEXLEY said that MORTON SOBELL happened to be a school friend of ROSENDERG. JOHN WEXLEY also said that MORTON SOBELL put himself in voluntarily custody to come back to New York from Texas."

The following is information furnished orally to SA KREBS on 5/28/53: 57d



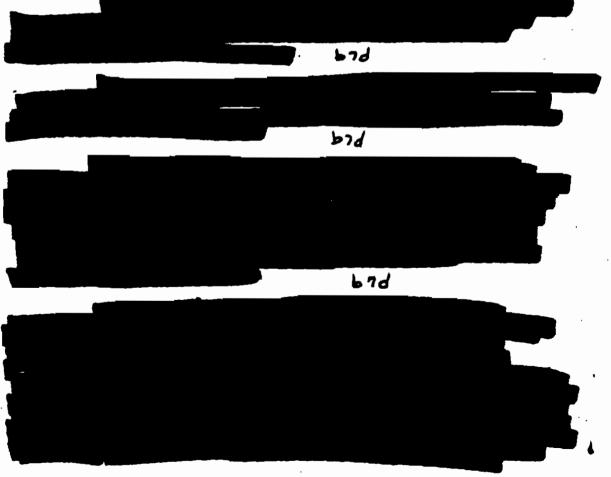
stated that the FUCHS mentioned in his written report was

stated that JOHN WEXLEY, the speaker at the meeting, was about 5' 6" tall, weighed about 165 pounds, was of the white race, and had the front part of his head rather bald. He stated that there were no refreshments after the meeting and that there was some literature for sale. He stated that on each chair there was a copy of a sheet entitled "The Crisis in the Near East". The informant recalled that about seven persons at the meeting asked most of the questions during the question and answer period after the speech by WEXLEY. The informant did not know any of those except that VIC FLEISHER was one of those. The informant advised there

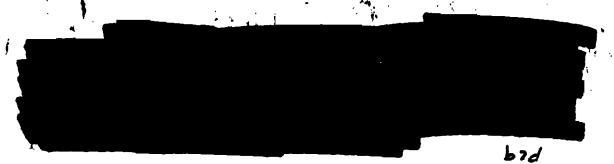
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were no plans made for any future meeting during the meeting Friday night: Informant also received a free copy of "Prisoner on Car Coascience, the Story of Morton Schell Ly Emily and David Alman."

The informant advised that the chairman of the meeting was not known to him and described him as being a white man of medium build, 5' 9" tail, rather thin, spoke very slow and soitly. He stated that the chairman brought the meeting to order and mentioned that he was substituting for the real chairman. WEXLEY was introduced by the chairman and the chairman also introduced a man called DAVE, last name not recalled, who made the collection speech after the main talk by WEXLEY. The informant described DAVE as white, 5' 5½", medium weight, dark colored suit, wide face, either dark brown or black hair, and rather thick and bushy.



WFO 100-25474



The informant advised that the received received by the informant which reflected that JUSEPH R. STAROHN was to sprak as saturday ris 2/57, 120 the home of BILL and RETTY TAYS, 1373 Potomac Avenue, N. W. Washington, Dr. C. Anderson auspices of the Rushington forum.

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The notes made of the interview with the informant will also be filed in . 676

The notice which reflected the talk on Friday, 5/25/53, by JUHN WEXLEY who was to "discuss new evidence which unmasked the perjury in the judgment of MORTON SOBELL," under the auspices of the Sobell Committee of Washington, will be filed in

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The booklet entitled "Prisoner on Cur Conscience" the story of MORTON SOBELL by EMILY and DAVID ALMAN, will be filed in 100-25474-.

The notice announcing the talk by JOSEPH R. STAROBIN on Saturday, 6/2/55, at the home of BILL and BETTY HMYS will be filed in 100-32830-. RUC

OFFICE MEMORANDUM. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : C. LOS ANGIAES (100-1763) DATE: 7/16/56

FROM : SA ALBERT N. CARLBLOM

SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE FOR

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On 6/29/56 furnished SA ALBERT N. CARLBLOM the following material:

(1) A leaflet headed "A Man Without a Country" concerning BERNARDO DIAZ, La Habra, California, and containing his picture. The leaflet refers to DIAZ as a victim of the Walter-McCarran Law. The leaflet states that DIAZ was born and raised in La Habra, California; went AWOL from the Army in 1945; was tried and convicted for desertion; and served one and one-half years in Leavenworth Prison, and that he came home to his family, took a job, and settled down working as a gardener for the Hacienda Golf Club. The leaflet urges the sending of contributions to the LACPER, 326 West 3rd Street, Los Angeles.

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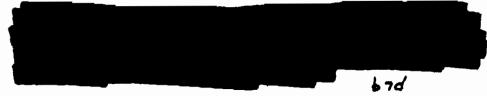
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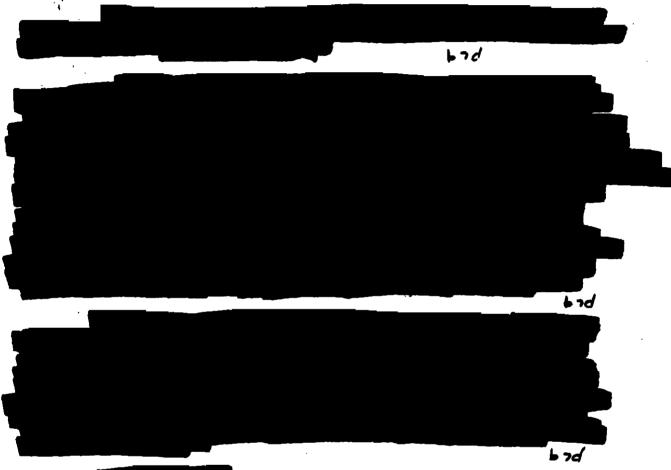
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- (3) Booklet headed "Did the Rosenbergs Have Full Measure of Justice?" and subheaded "Three United States Supreme Court Justices Reveal the Rosenbergs Did Not Have Their Day in court". This leaflet indicates that it was issued by the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 355 South Broadway, Los Angeles. (100-41648-1A)
- (4) A sheet bearing the name of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee, 468 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, urging that a communication be sent to Senator THOMAS C. HENNINGS, JR., Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., urging an investigation of the case of MORTON SCRELL. The name of WIDGE NEWMAN "for the committee" appears on the bottom of the sheet.
- (5) The Los Angeles Sobell Announcer identified as Volume 1. dated April 1956. According to this document, a tribute dinner honoring DAN MARSHALL was set for June 30th; that the Rosenberg Memorial Month would be marked in Los Angeles by a dinher in honor of DANIEL MARSHALL, Attorney, to be held at the Nikabob Restaurant on that date. This issue contains a poem ontitled "Alcatraz" by HELEN SOBELL, and this leaflet says that she will be in the Los Angeles area for a few days; on Saturday, April 7th, the Valley Sobell Committee has planned an evening with her at 13120 Bloomfield in Shorman Oaks; on Sunday, April 8th, the Eastside Sobell Committee is having a brunch at 1257 Ven Pelt Ave., and on that evening Mrs. SOBELL has been invited to a reception in San Diego. Information regarding other activities of the committee is set forth. The leaflet states "We spoke for the Downtown Forum this month".

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advised SA WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN on 10/13/55 that the Downtown Club is a former Independent Progressive Party Club which became an autonomous organization during the spring of 1955 after the Independent Progressive Party had lost its place on the ballot. Its principal activity is to sponsor a weekly forum, which frequently features CP members, and it follows the program set up by the Independent Progressive Party.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

: SAC. ST. LOUIS (100-11726) DATE: VIL 17 1959 ŢΟ

FROM

: SA CARL R. +O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE

JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka

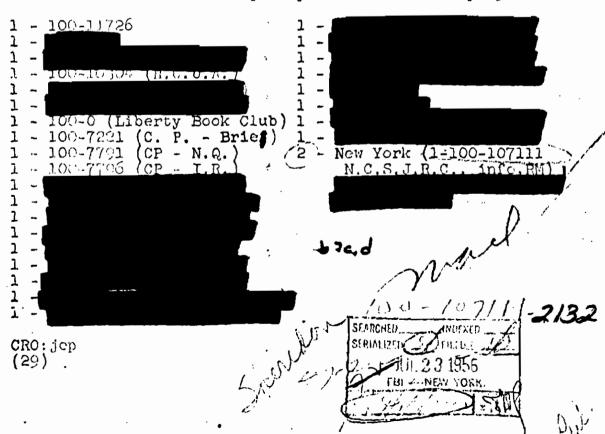
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reproduction of a one-page typewritten report personally received by SA O'CONNOR who has furnished reliable informatich in the past, on June 27, 1956, is as fellows: **67**d

"June 26, 1956

"June 21,

St. Louis Sobell Committee held a picnic in Forest Park Thursday June 21 at -: 7:30 There were 32 people present. Haven Perkins gave a short report concerning his experiences with the Un-American Activities Committee. He stated the work of the Un-American Activities Committee., is to place fear upon people that speak for better conditions for the majority of the American people.



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"Clara Perkins continued that the committe wishes to to scare up the leaders that work for prosperity. The next speaker, living in New York a members of the Liberty book club was introduced by Haven Perkins, Mr. Carl Marzani!

"Marzani quote It is a privilege to be in St. Louis especially when I can meet people that are stepping on somebody's toes in Washington, D.C.

"It is time for people like you and I to wake up and fight back. The people in India are fighting for better living conditions. China is controlled by the people.

"As for Russia, I want you to know that I am a red. The constitution gives me the priveledge to be whatever I wish to be. When I go to the office there are Democrats, Republicans I speak with them, they have their view points, I have mine This is a free country.

"You would be surprised at the colored race in Alabama, they are ferming to-gether, 45000 are to-gether, that is 3 regiments. Do you know what 3 regiments can do.

"This unemployment such as in Detroit, New York, will not wait untill there is a depression. There will be some changes made before such a mess happens as in 1929.

"You have the right to speak up, you have the right to stand up for your rights, therefore, take these constitutional rights and use them. "Read some of the books the book club publishes. We must organize the people, teach them right from wrong, give them all the knowledge we can muster.

"Russia was considered ignorant, today we hear some of the U.S. Army and Navy high officers remarks, that Russia is ahead in all of the modern araments."

"This was the work of the Russian people, they are given the opportunity and priviliges, In many other

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"countries the people are held back they are kept important.

"Every nation that held their people in ignorance; vanished as a great nation. The people know that they are receiving education and knowledge from such organizations as this one.

"Never fear at speak the truth, it will eventually win out. On helf quete, Marzany.

"There was - great Applause.

"Mr. Perkins thanked Marzany for the great speach. There was feed served and beer and sode served.

"People present;



The following wars parsonally received by the writer on and filed in as Indicated:

One page reprinted advertisement from 4-3-55 "The New York Times Book Review" captioned "A Book Club for the Independent Thinker" re Liberty Book Club, N.Y.C.

Announcement of "St. Louis Sobell Committee" meeting 6-21-56 in Ferest Park to be addressed by CARL MARZANI,

SAC DIV. 1 DIV. 2 DIV. 3 7/18/56 DIV. 4 SEC. 1 SEC. 2 AIRTEL SEC. 3 SEC/4 VIA AIRMAIL SEC. 5 SEC. 7 SEC. 8 DIRECTER, PBI (100-387835) TOI SEC. 9 SEC. 10 PROM: SAC, ALBANY (100-13260)SEC 11 SEC. 12 NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE Bubject: SEC. 13 JUSTICE FOR MORTOR SOBELL SEC. 14 SEC. 15 IS - C SEC. 16 CINAL _SEC. 17 SEC. 18 SEC. 19 SEC. 20 Those attending this meeting were told they could now purchase the book concerning ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, written by an author named WEXLEY, at the wholesale price. Several pamphlots concorning the ROSENBERG-SOBELL cass were distributed to those present. A hat was passed around to all individuals for donations which are to be turned over to the National Sobell Fund. SCUCY 670 EMP - Buroau (100-387835) (RM) - New York (100-107111) (INFO) (RE) 1 - Albany (100-16198) (IMAL) 1 - 416 my (300-13260) TOP:CI: (6) 0-147111-2133 5 Walden

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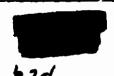
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Speech by DON who has ROTHENBERG, Tueso furnished Arizona, 7-2-56 ROTHENBERG, Tucson, 7-3-56 Written & oral, SAH. HILTON McKEE



This information must be carefully paraphrased in order to protect the informant's identity in any subsequent communications.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Send carbon copy to New York.

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At 8:30 P.M. on 7-2-56 a large group of people gathered at

in Tucson.

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RUTH ROSENTHAL spoke first. She had a large number of pamphlets in her arms and did a great deal of explaining about the Morton Sobell Committee. She said that DON, meaning DON ROTHENBERG, will tell you the rest.

ROTHENBERG spoke from 9:15 P.M. until 10:30 P.M. and during his talk said that he, RUTH HOSENTHAL and ROSE MASLOW had seen lots of influential people in Tucson on 7-1-56 and today all he asked of them was to read the pamphlets about SOBELL, and then the Sobell Committee would call on them to see if they would sign their names in a letter that will be sent to the president.

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ROTHENBERG said that two days before the execution of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, he was leading a committee of 300 people in front of the White House in Washington, D. C. He said they had a picket line of thousands of people and finally the news came that a stay of execution had been granted the ROSENBERGS, so they all went on to celebrate. He said that two days later the ROSENBERGS were murdered. He then talked about SOBELL, how he was kidnapped and beaten by the FBI, that the Sobell Committee can prove that SOBELL is innocent, that of course they will have a hard fight but in the end they are going to win. He said the reason they are having such a hard time is that if they gct SOBELL out of Alcatrez Prison, it will prove that the ROSENBERGS were innocent and that the United States Government murdered them. He said he had just come from Los Angeles and they are going to have a dinner for a hundred and fifty people and the last minute they were refused the hall, but they got a bigger and better place and had over five hundred people. He said that this goes to prove that people are not afraid. ROTHENBERG stated that he knew what the people in Tucson would say, that Tucson is a small town, but he goes all over the country and they all changed their minds, formed Sobell Committees, and are working and raising money just like you are going to do when I leave Tucson.

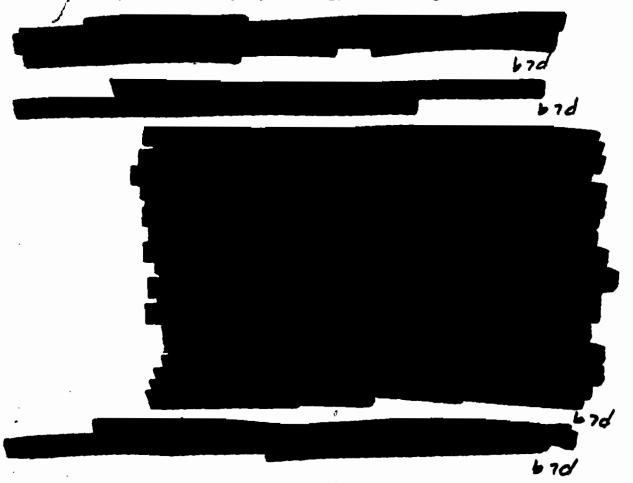
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ROTHENBERG said he was in Mexico City before he went to Los angeles.

He said that he has talked to five Senators and he made them change their minds concerning SOBELL.

He went on to say that the ROSENBERG children are being brought up to be proud of their parents, that all of this work takes lots of money, and they are getting it from all over the country, that whatever the people at this meeting had in mind to give tonight, they should give twice as much.

After this talk CHMIELL SCHWARTZ played the Concertina, the older people sang, including ROTHENEERG.



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It was announced that a total of \$250.00, plus two pennies, had been collected.

Thirty-four people were present

During the talk by DON ROTHENBERG, it was brought out that he is on the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, and it is believed that headquarters for this committee are at 940 Broadway, New York City. ROTHENBERG passed out various pamphlets prepared by this committee, and these pamphlets are being made a part of this file.

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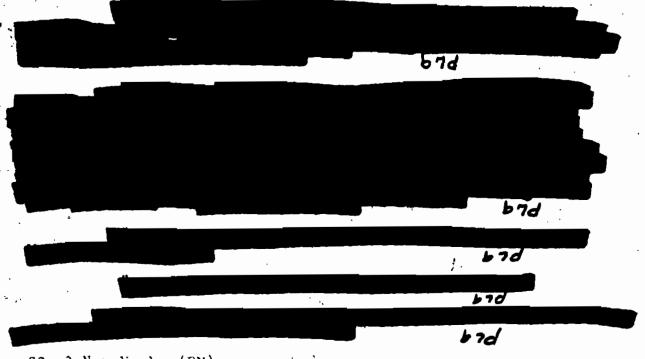
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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE

FOR MORTON SOBELL

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advised on December 5, 1952, that ELIZABETH ALLEN and JANE ANDERSON were CP members at Syracuse, New York as of that date. 676

advised on March 11, 1951, that LILLIAN REINER while not a CP member to his knowledge, was, as head of the ALP at Syracuse, New York, working very closely with CP members. 57d

Agent GEORGE P. SIMPSON meeting was held at the Allen-Anderson residence at Cazenovia on June 7, 1956, that approximately 35 people were in attendance, and in addition to the \$1.50 supper charge per person, a collection was conducted

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as of that date.

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The source also advised that following the June 7, 1956, rdinner, DAVID ALMAN spoke on the present status of the MORTON SOBELL Case. He explained that they had conducted exhaustive investigation concerning the dreumstance under which SCBEIL was brought to this country from Mexico, also the validity of the facts that were presented in court and also the fact that the prosecutor committed perjury. He explains

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that there is no sense in antagonizing the court or that the facts were not presented correctly thus advise Judge but rather to give them an opportunity to say false impression and presented correctly thus giving a at fault by evidence brought into court: this thereby gaves at fault by evidence brought into court; this thereby saves the court, jury and judge any embarrasament. a chance to say that the government's case was in error rather ALMAN stated that in other words it would give them

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than the People of the court. He stated they wanted to get SOBFIL out of prison within a very short time. him in leaving the United States and that no one escaping. the lew would leave such a clean trail for the FBI to follow.

Security Police without brought out by ALMAN was that Mexican Government kidnapped SOBET L and turned him over to the FBI, who in hardra ha turn dragged him over the border and beat him before he Was brought before the United States Inmigration Office. Was brought before the United States Immigration Office.

He stated it was at this time a certificate was made by that that they had a document from the truth. AIMAN also indicated that they had a document from the Mexican government there is a treaty with the United States with record to there is a treaty with the United States with regard to extradition on conspiracy charges.

on his staff who was previously connected with the Mexican informed on internetions AIMAN also indicated that SOBELL has an attorney on his staff who was previously connected with the Mexican law. and is supposedly well informed on international

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stated that following the above speech by Mr. ALMAN, a question was raised in the audience as to while all this evidence was not brought forward by the defendant at the time of the trial. This question was not well received by some of the persons present and they explained that the persons making the decision on this matter happened that if SOBELL had taken the stand his politics would have been questioned, and this might have madrithings "a bit hot for SOBELL." Therefore, rather their risk the questioning they had taken their chance on SOBELL not testifying because they believed that the Government did not have a good case against SOBELL.

MEMORANDUM * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICE

DATE: 7-20-56 TO SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

FROM SA RICHARD F. ALLEN

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE IS - C

> On June 19, 1956, the Security Unit, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois (an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area and whose identity should be protected by a T symbol), furnished Investigative Clerk FRANCIS G. KAHL with a .. typewritten report concerning the third annual tribute to the memory of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG featuring EARL ROBINSON, presenting, "The Gentle and the Brave", which was held June 17, 1956, at Wood Hall, 218 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, at 8 p.m. under the auspices of the Chicago Sobell Committee. This report is being retained in 100-25530-1100.

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This report reflected that the subject affair was held on the minth floor of Wood Hall where previous arrangements for the rental of the hall had been made on June 13, 1956, by DA VID L. SOLTKER of the CSC. There were approximately 150 persons in attendance at this meeting, ten of whom were colored. A literature stand was set up at the entrance to the hall where books and literature pertaining to the execution of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and imprisonment of MORTON SOBELL were on sale.

This report continued that the affair opened at approximately 8:20 p.m. with JOSEPHINE GRANAT acting as chairman. She introduced the principal speakers and entertainers. This report reflected that JOSEPHINE GRANAT was called to Washington, D.C. in August, 1954, by the Un-American Activities Committee to account for the money her organization had collected in behalf of the ROSENBERG children after their parents had been executed. The Committee had charged that the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee tried to exploit the execution and GRANAT, when questioned, took refuge in the Fifth Amendment and refused to answer or account for any of the money the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee had collected.

It was reported that JO GRANAT introduced EARL ROBINSON, who together with GERTRUDE GUNTER (Mrs. DAVID L. SOLTKER) and two other males, one believed identical to DAVID SOLTKER, presented a satire which was introduced by ROBINSON as a presentation of men's fight for justice since the days of John Brown. ROBINSON remained at the piano while the two male actors together with GERTRUDE GUNTER presented a mock trial before the Civil War which involved JOHN BROWN, who tried to seize the Government Armory at Harpers Ferry and was hanged. One male actor took the part of a minister who pleaded for the life of JOHN BROWN at his trial. This satire lasted for approximately 45 minutes.

JOSEPHINE GRANAT then introduced Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, who is currently serving a 30-year sentence in Alcatraz for his part in the ROSENBERG conspiracy. HELEN SOBELL proceeded to give an account of the illegal seizure of her husband by Mexican officials while vacationing in Mexico. She stated that her husband was brutally beaten by Mexican authorities and then handed over to the FBI for deportation to the United States.

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This report continued that HELEN SOBELL appealed to the audience for money to provide legal assistance in efforts to secure a new trial or a review of the case of her husband. HELEN SOBELL then read a letter written by her husband which was addressed to the SOBELLs on MARK. After reading the letter, Mrs. SOBELL stated that there are important Mexican officials who agree that her husband was illegally seized by officials, because the authorities had no warrant, but even without the warrant he was seized like a common criminal and put in irons after being detained by the Mexican officials.

HELEN SOBELL continued by reading an article received from JEAN PAUL SATRE, a French leader, who in his article went on to state that neither the ROSENBERGS nor MORTON SOBELL had received a fair trial.

In another statement Mrs. SOBELL mentioned that Dr. HAROLD C. UREY, noted nuclear scientist, former Nobell Prize winner, and professor at the University of Chicago, in reviewing the case, found that the Government had readily accepted the perjured testimony of MAX ELITCHER, together with that of HARRY GOLD, a known liar. It was also Dr. UREY's opinion that neither her husband nor the ROSENBERGS had received a fair trial and it was an outright mockery of justice. HELEN SOBELL then stated that it could be only with the help of people such as were present tonight who could assist her in securing a new trial and eventual freedom for her husband. She stated that during the past four years while MORTON has been on Alcatraz he has remained loyal to his friends and to his ideals.

The report continued that JOSEPHINE GRANAT then made a collection speech and intimated that she would not ask for any specific sum.

It was later in the evening that JO GRANAT announced that a total of \$465 had been collected at this affair.

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it was quite evident that she was in charge of this affair, together with another male believed to be identical to DAVID SOLTKER. It was also noted that it was GERTRUDE GUNTER who wrote the script for the satire presented at the beginning of the program.

EARL ROBINSON then entertained the audience for a period of about 30 minutes and shortly after Mrs. CRANAT announced that the CSC would continue to hold meetings and other affairs in an effort to collect funds to aid Mrs. SOBELL secure her husband's freedom.

This report reflected that the following individuals, in addition to the aforementioned, were in attendance at this affair:

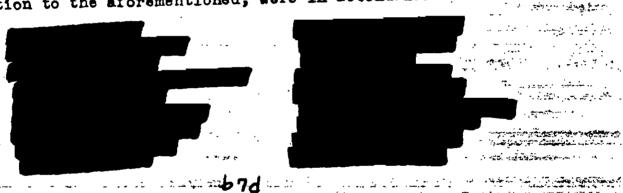
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M B E O R A N D U M . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DATE: \ 7/20/56 70 SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-51729) FROM . . .: SA ALBERT N. CARLBLOM The to read the sugar control of the SUBJECT: DOWNTOWN CLUB IS - C Activity who has furnished reliable info in the past and whose identity should be concealed day.... b 2d and by the season of the second Naw York (REGISTERED) (100-10711 - SOBELL COMMITTER) 100-41648 (SOBELL COMMITTER) Indexed

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,		CHARACTER OF CASE
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Mimeographed circular dated January, 1955, issued by "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell," 940 Broadway, NYC, furnished by Informant. Informant advised that one AARON SCHNEIDER was touring to arouse interest among Jews in the Sobell Committee. Logical Boston Informants know of no activity of any local Sobell Committee in the Boston area.

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Details:

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On October 13, 1953, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was formed on October 11, 1953, as a successor to the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 2, 1952, that the National Committee to Secure Justice

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in the Rosenberg Case was formed on that date for the purpose of securing a new trial or clemency for ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, who were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage and were executed on June 19, 1953. MORTON SOBELL was convicted with the ROSENBERGs and received a 30 year sentence.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in December, 1953, that the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee during December, 1953, took the name of "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case."

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in June, 1954, that the above committee is basically well composed of Communist Party members and sympathizers.

The Communist Party, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Craer 10450.

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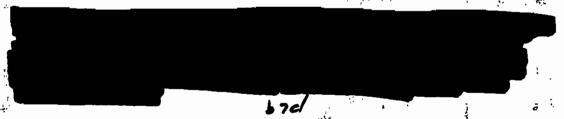
T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on February 6, 1956, made available a mimeographed circular captioned "The Sobell Case Across the Country. This is dated January, 1956, and is self-identified as being issued by the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell." The Committee's address is given as 940 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y. This circular discusses the legal steps being taken to attempt to obtain a new trial for Morton Sobell and discusses the fact that committees across the country are actively working towards obtaining a new trial for SOBELL. The pamphlet mentions specifically the St. Louis, Los Angeles and Chicago Committees. It mentions the fact that an advertisement was placed in the "San Francisco Chronicle" which reached some 200,000 persons.

According to the circular, the National Office of the Committee has distributed 150,000 pieces of literature since October, which does not include the thousands of pieces of material mailed by individual committees or neighborhood groups. The circular ends with an appeal for funds to enable the Committee to make 1955 the year of justice for MORTON SOBELL and America.

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 25, 1956, advised that one: AARON SCHNEIDER was traveling throughout the country with representatives of the Sobell Committee, trying

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to arouse interest among the Jewish people in the activities of the Sobell Committee. T-6 stated that SCHNEIDER and his representatives have a kit of material which they are using to support their arguments. T-6 stated that this group contends, among other things, that an anti-Semitic impact resulted from the conviction of the Jews in the Hosenberg Case and that therefore Jewish agencies should be interested in the alleged new evidence which the Sobell Committee has accumulated.



T-8, T-9, T-10, and T-11, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past and who have been acquainted with activities of the Sobell Committee in the past, on June 8, 11, 12 and 19, 1956, respectively, advised that they have no knowledge of any activity of a local Sobell Committee in the Boston area.

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(by request)

Administrative Data

In the event that information is received that the Sobell Committee is being reactivated in the Boston Division, this case will be reopened and the Committee's activities reported.

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DETAILS: AT VASHINGTON, D. C.

Unless otherwise noted, all informants mentioned herein have supplied reliable information in the past.

An asterisk (*) following names of individuals mentioned throughout this report represents one-time Communist Party (CP) membership or CP sympathy on the part of the individual. Names identified by an asterisk will be further identified in a group at the end of this report.

The CP and the Communist Political Association (CPA) have both been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

It is noted that the "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper, while the "Worker" is the Sunday edition of this publication.

I. BACKGROUND

A. National Organization

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court (USDC), Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were sentenced to death, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to a term of 30 years.

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Informants on days indicated advised that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was formed on January 2, 1952. The informants stated that the claim of this committee was that the Rosenbergs were convicted because they were Jews and because of their political beliefs. The informants stated that the aim of this committee was to secure a new trial or clemency for the Rosenbergs.

It is noted that the Rosenbergs were executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York on June 19, 1953.

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Informant T-3

Informant on October 10-13, 1953, advised that a national conference of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was held in Chicago, Illinois, on October 10 and 11, 1953, and the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee was formed on October 11, 1953.

Informant T-4 on December 17, 1953 Informant T-5 on December 21, 1953

Informants advised that subject organization during December, 1953, took the name of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.

Informant T-6

Informant on May 7, 1954, reported that the purpose of this committee was to raise money for MORTON SOBELL to obtain a re-trial and to have him removed from Alcatraz to some other penitentary.

Informant T-8

Informant on June 6, 1955, reported that TED JACOBS of the national headquarters of subject organization on that date stated that the exact name of this organization is "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell."

It was noted that the "Daily Worker" in its edition of October 20, 1954, page three, columns 1-3, contain an article "Rosenberg Committee Harassed by Gov't with Phoney Tax Lien," in which TED JACOBS was described as the public relations director of the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

B. Sobell Committee of Washington

Informant T-7

On March 7, 1952, informant reported that the Washington, D. C., chapter of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was at that time opeating in the District of Columbia. The informant subsequently identified this group as the "Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case."

Informant T-8

Informant in September, 1953, reported that the Washington, D. C., group of subject organization known as the "Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D. C.," was becoming active in the District of Columbia for the purpose of vindicating the ROSENBERGs and obtaining the release of MORTON SOBELL.

Informant T-7

Informant reported on December 30, 1954, that the Washington, D. C., group of subject organization was known at that time as the "Committee for the Release of Morton Sobell."

Informant T-9, who is in a position to supply reliable information

On May 21, 1956, informant made available information reflecting the name of the District of Columbia chapter of subject organization at that time to be "Sobell Committee of Washington."

II. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Informant T-10, who is in a position to supply reliable information

On December 20, 1955, informant made available information revealing that Mr. and Mrs. AL BERNSTEIN* of 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, had received a communication dated October 24, 1955, from the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 1050 6th Avenue, New York, 18, New York. This letter contains the mimeographed signature of DAVID ALMAN, who advised that the League of Women Voters had undertaken a policy of public meetings called "Freedom Agenda" in which all persons were invited to state their views on issues of importance. This letter states in part "We would like to suggest that you contact your local League chapter and find out from them the facts, dates and places of such meetings, and that you arrange to supply those present with information on the SOBELL case.

"At those meetings of Freedom Agenda already held, there were no restrictions placed on the subjects people wanted to discuss, and an air of complete democracy marked the proceedings.

"We would be interested to learn of your progress in this matter."

The informant on December 20, 1955, also made available material revealing that Mrs. SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Magyland, received a letter dated June 1, 1955, from TED JACOBS of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York.

This letter stated that a copy of JOHN WEXLEY's book on the Rosenberg Sobell Case is being sent to BERNSTEIN for her perusal. This letter states in part "Through a special arrangement, we are able to make the book available to you and to all Sobell Committees at the special rate of \$4.50 plus tax.

"We are continced that this book can become one of our greatest assets in opening the nations eyes to the truth in this case and in freeing MORTON SOBELL. We are sure you will agree after you have read the book and will want to see that the book reaches every important person in your city and state.

"We urge you to order as many copies as possible. Since the National Committee is not in a position to advance money for the books, it is necessary that every order be accompanied by advance payment. In many cases, it may be possible for committees to borrow money to be returned when the books are sold. There are also people who will contribute money (this has already been done in many cases) for books to be bought and sent to prominent persons in your city.

"The National Committee is preparing a brochure on the book which will be sent to you upon request to help in the distribution.

"Urgent: Please send in

immediately all signed petitions regarding transfer from Alcatraz."

The informant on June 29, 1956, made available an undated mimeographed letter from DAVID ALMAN of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, which had been received by the BERNSTEINS, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

This letter is as follows:

"This letter concerns the meaning and the uses of the May 8 motion for MORTON SOBELL.

"The case against SOBELL consisted of two facts:
1) the testimony of ELITCHER, 2) the allegation of flight.

"One or the other of these two parts must have disturbed some members of the jury because it is a matter of public record that there was initially some disagreement in respect to the verdict on SOBELL. If it were on ELITCHER's testimony, the 'flight' allegations were obviously used to make his testimony more plausible. If the disagreement concerned the 'flight', the final acceptance of this allegation was vital to the verdict.

"Therefore the May 8 motion goes to the heart of the verdict in SOBELL's case. It also, undoubtedly, had a bearing on the ROSENBERGS' conviction.

"The motion, in a most precise way, lays bare the fraud perpetrated on the jury and the court, and reveals the magnitude of the frame-up and injustice against SOBELL.

"The motion, in its clarity of language, lends itself to reading and study by lawyers and non-lawyers alike. We urge that you yourself - and your entire committee - make a thorough study of the motion, that you become familiar with its facts and charges and with the drama of its filing at this time.

"We would suggest, therefore, that copies of the motion be put in the hands of as many persons as possible who, in your judgment, can utilize it for their own information as well as that of others.

"We particularly urge that it be given to attorneys and others who are followers of civil liberties organizations. Many who believe that SOBELL's civil

liberties were not involved will agree, on reading this motion, that he did not get 'due process' in the accepted sense of that phrase.

"Second, your newspaper editors and reporters, and the attorneys for these newspapers, ought to be shown the motion. Their treatment of the efforts made for SOBELL will depend, in the last analysis, on their understanding of two major considerations: 1) that the truth in the case is on SOBELL's side; 2) that this truth will not 'go away', it will remain, grow, and, in the foreseeable future, has every potential for becoming a triumph of justice.

"Third, this motion is invaluable at this time for the effort being made to obtain support for appeals to the President for consent to a new trial or commutation. Although it is impossible to tell exactly when the court will rule on this motion, it will, in all likelihood, be fairly soon. There is, therefore, an urgency in the 'consent' aspect of those appeals to the President. If they are persuasive enough in number and character, they may very well be successful in obtaining favorable action.

"Fourth, the motion arises out of an investigative activity of several years duration. It proceeded under many handicaps, not the least of which was financial. It is imperative that we proceed with a new investigation, as well as with creating a large, informed body of public opinion. The motion should form the basis of soliciting assistance to make a new investigation and educational effort possible. Great expenditures will be required simply to process this motion itself through the courts.

"We said, not long ago, that we are now engaged in what we hope to be a campaign that will secure SOBELL's freedom. The first steps have already matured. You will have to enrich them by engaging the participation of your communities."

T-11, who is in a position to supply reliable information

Informant on February 23, 1956, made available a letter from Mrs. ROSE SOBELL on letterhead "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York," and contained the salutation "Dear Friend." This letter is in part as follows:

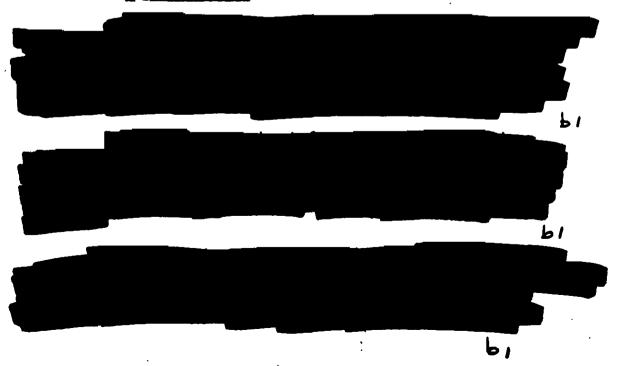
"This holiday season my heart is filled with hope that my son, MORTON SOBELL, will soon be home again.

"It is encouraging to tell you that MORTON's attorneys are planning to begin appeals for a new trial in the coming weeks.

"I am traveling and speaking throughout the country to increase support and raise the funds needed in greater and greater amounts as our opportunity grows."

This letter requests the recipient for a generous contribution on behalf of MORTON SOBELL and states that checks should be made payable to either ROSE SOBELL or the Sobell Committee.

Informant T-8



The "Daily Worker" in its edition of April 9, 1956, page 3, columns 3-5, contained an article "Morton Sobell Kept from Funeral Rites for Father." This article states that MORTON SOBELL was not allowed to be present for his father's funeral held on April 8, 1956, after both the White House and Justice Department turned down appeals to permit his presence.

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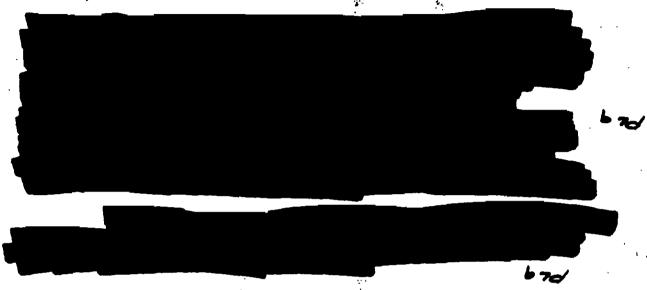
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Informant T-14

According to the informant, stated that there are three objectives to be accomplished in connection with MORTON SOBELL:

- (1) Write President EISENHOWER for a pardon for SOBELL.
- (2) Write United States Attorney General BROWNELL for a new trial for SOBELL.
- (3) Contribute toward SOBELL's legal appeals and distribute the facts of the SOBELL case to the public.

Informant T-15

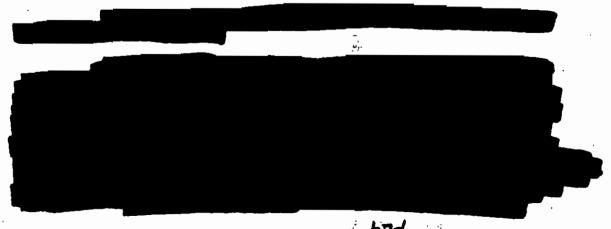
On May 26, 1956, informant made available a 43 page booklet entitled "Prisoner on our Conscience--The Story of MORTON SOBELL," by EMILY and DAVID ALMAN. Page two of this booklet reflects that it was published as a public service by the "Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City."

Page 43 of this booklet contains the following information:

"Act Now!

- "1. Write a letter to President EISENHOWER. Washington, D. C., asking him to Make Executive Action in the case of MORTON SOBELL by granting a pardon or commuting MORTON SOBELL's sentence to the six years he has already served.
- "2. Write to United States Attorney General HERBERT BROWNELL, Justice Dept., Washington, D. C., asking him to consent to MORTON SOBELL's motion for a new trial.
- "3. Contribute as generously as you can toward MORTON SOBELL's legal appeals; and to make possible the distribution of the facts in his case to the public. Send contributions to Sobell Committee. 940 Broadway, New York City, N. Y."

SA's of the FBI on March 22, 1956, determined that SELMA REIN* and SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* at 2:06 p.m. on that date entered the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, 900 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W. SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* on entering this church was observed to be carrying a book entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY*, in which several papers were observed protruding from this book. SA's of the FBI observed the SELMA REIN* and SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* departed this church at 2:10 p.m. on March 22, 1956, and neither individual was in possession of the above described book.

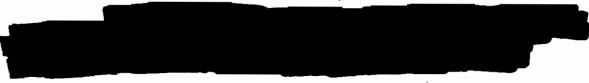


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III. HEADQUARTERS

Informant T-13 on June 26, 1956 Informant T-14 on July 2, 1956 Informant T-15 on June 29, 1956 Informant T-16 on June 29, 1956

The informants on the dates indicated reported they knew of no information regarding the headquarters of the Sobell Committee of Washington.



Informant T-10

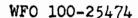
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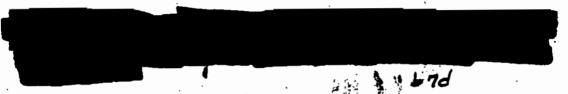
On October 21, 1955, informant made available information reflecting that the Sobell Committee would hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 1955, at Room 519, 930 F Street, N. W.

ALFRED C. GEBHARD, Manager of the Atlantic Building, 930 F Street, N. W., prior to February 2, 1956, advised SA CARROLL M. GARNETT on January 25, 1956, that he became manager of this building in January, 1951, and the Progressive Party of the District of Columbia (PPDC) maintained an office at this building since that time. He stated that the current office of this organization is located in Room 519, 930 F Street, N. W. The PPDC will be identified subsequently in this report.

IV. OFFICERS

Informant T-12





Informant T-17, who is in a position to supply reliable information

On May 18, 1956, the informant reported that Mrs. GERTRUDE EVANS*, on May 11, 1956, made a \$20 deposit at the Hotel Willard, 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., for reservations for a meeting to be held on May 25, 1956. The informant stated EVANS did not identify the sponsor of the forthcoming meeting but requested the affair be posted on the bulletin board of that hotel as "JOHN WEXLEY Lecture." The informant stated the amount of rental for space necessary for the May 25, 1956, meeting was \$45 and that EVANS advised that ETHEL WEICHBROD* would pay the remaining \$25 on May 25, 1956.

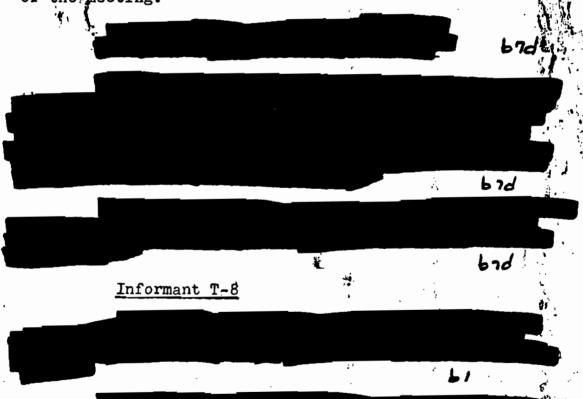
Informant T-18, who is in a position to supply reliable information

On May 25, 1956, the informant reported that ETHEL WEICHBROD* telephonically contacted the Hotel Willard on May 24, 1956, and vigorously protested the cancellation of the JOHN WEXLEY* lecture to have been held at that hotel on May 25, 1956. The informant stated that WEICHBROD was requested to state her interest in this matter since the reservations had been made in the name of Mrs. GERTRUDE EVANS* and that WEICHBROD replied that she was a "member of the committee."

The "Washington Post and Times Herald" in its edition of Sunday, May 27, 1956, page D-17, column 4, contained an article entitled "Hotel Ousts Meeting to Aid Prisoner." This article describes the cancellation by the Hotel Willard of reservations of a meeting to have been held at that hotel on May 25, 1956. It was to have been sponsored by the Sobell Committee of Washington. The activate identified ETHEL WEICHBROD*, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver is Spring, Maryland, as a "committee spokesman" who called the cancellation shameful and said the group had nothing to hide.

The "Evening Star" in its edition of Saturday, May 26, 1956, page A-16, columns 1-2, containd an article entitled "Hotel Voids Reservations, Sobell Rally is Shifted."

the Hotel Willard of the planned affair to have been held at that hotel on May 25, 1956, by the Sovell Committee of Washington. The article identified Mrs. GERTRUDE EVANSTE of 930 F Street, N. W., as having made the original arrangements at the Hotel Willard for the May 25, 1956, affair. The article states that the meeting was shifted from the Hotel Willard to the Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, N. W., and that DALE STEELE* was chairman of the meeting.



V. MEMBERS

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VI. OFFICIAL ORGAN

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VII. FUNDS

Informant T-10

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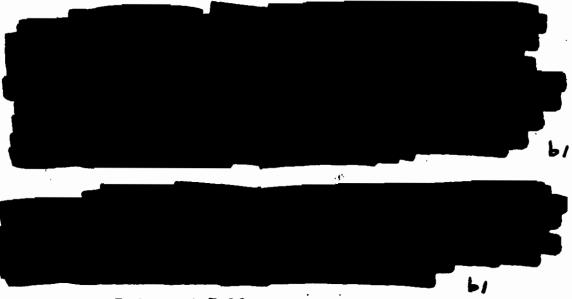
On February 17, 1956, the informant made available a letter dated December 9, 1955, from DAVID ALMAN of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, which had been received by the BERNSTEINs. This letter discussed the budget for the coming year of subject organization which would amount to \$55,500. The closing paragraph of this letter states as follows:

"Basically, however, you must devise ways and means of helping us raise this \$5,500."

Informant T-11

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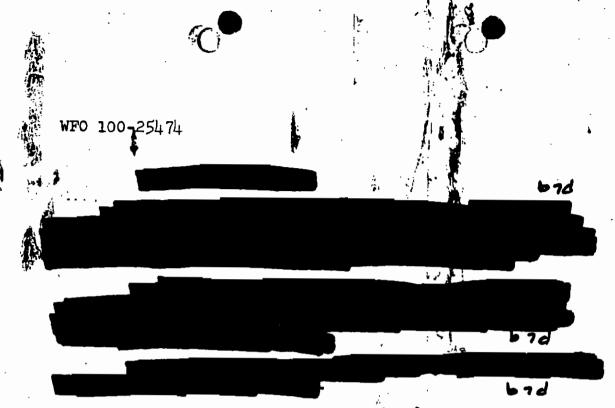


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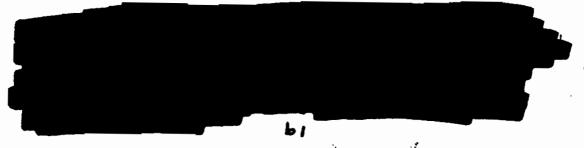
The informants reported that part of the money realized from the sale of JOHN WEXLEY's book would go to the local Sobell Committee and part would go to MORTON SOBELL himself.

VIII. ACTIVITIES

A. Meetings

1. Meeting of October 18, 1955

Informant T-8



Informant T-10

On October 21, 1955, the informant made available information that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* was invited to a meeting of the Sobell Committee on Tuesday, October 18, 1955, at 8:30 p.m. at Room 519, 930 F Street, N. W. The informant reported that the invitation received by BERNSTEIN stated that AARON SCHNEIDER* of the "NY Committee" would discuss "new developments in the Sobell case."

SA's of the FBI on October 18, 1955, observed ALFRED BERNSTEIN* and SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* enter 930 F Street, N. W., at 9:01 p.m. on October 18, 1955.

SA's of the FBI on October 18, 1955, observed the following individuals depart 930 F Street, N. W., at 11:41 p.m. on that date:

ALFRED BERNSTEIN*, SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, ABE BLOOM*, GERTRUDE EVANS*, NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN*, ETHEL WEICHBROD*.

SA's of the FBI on October 18, 1955, determined that ABE BLOOM* discharged a male passenger from his automobile at 11:52 p.m. on that date at the Carroll Arms

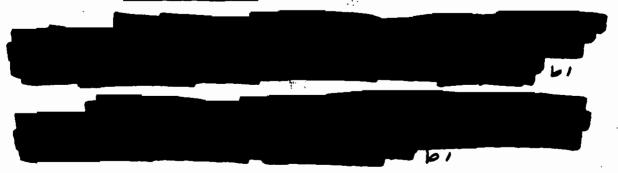
Hotel, Washington, D. C. SA's of the FBI had previously observed BLOOM's male passenger departing 930 F Street, N. W., at 11:41 p.m. in the company of BLOOM.

Informant T-20, who is in a position to supply reliable information

The informant on October 19, 1955, reported that AARON D. SCHNEIDER*, 1050 6th Avenue, New York, New York, registered at the Carroll Arms Hotel, Washington, D. C., at 1:30 p.m. on October 18, 1955, and checked out of that hotel at 1:00 p.m. October 19, 1955. The informant advised SCHNEIDER occupied room 416 of that hotel.

2. Meeting of November 11, 1955

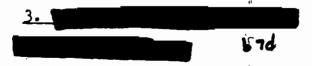
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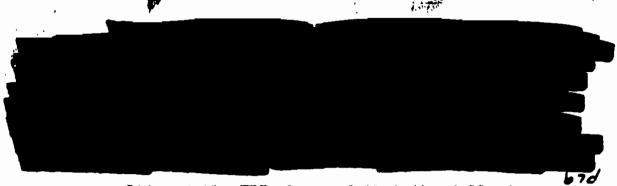


SA's of the FBI observed the following individuals enter 930 F Street, N. W., on November 11, 1955, at the time indicated:

Time entered	Name of individual				
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8:22 p.m.	GERTRUDE EVANS*				
8:29 p.m.	ABE BLOOM*				
8:45 p.m.	NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN#				
8:59 p.m.	SYLVIA BERNSTEIN:				
8:59 p.m.	ESTHER SUROVELL#.				

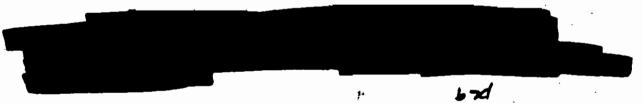
SA's of the FBI observed all of the above-mentioned individuals leave 930 F Street, N. W., in a group at 10:36 p.m., on November 11, 1955.





SA's of the FBI observed that the following individuals entered the Cromwell Apartment Building, 1515 Ogden Street, N. W., on May 14, 1956, at the time indicated:

Time entered	Individuals observed
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7:56 p.m.	GERTRUDE EVANS#
7:56 p.m. 8:52 p.m. 8:52 p.m.	ADELE, SMITH*
8:52 p.m.	SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*
8;52 p.m.	ETHEL WEICHBROD*



4. Meeting of May 25, 1956

Informant T-17

The informant reported on May 18, 1956, that Mrs. GERTRUDE EVANS* made a \$20 deposit on May 11, 1956, at the Hotel Willard, lith Street, and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., for reservations in connection with an affair to be held at that hotel on May 25; 1956, at 8:00 p.m. The informat reported EVANS did not identify the sponsor for this affair but requested that an announcement be posted on the bulletin board of the hotel as "JOHN WEXLEY Lecture."

Informant T-9

On May 21, 1956, the informant made available an announcement regarding a meeting to be held Friday, May 25, 1956, at 8:30 p.m. at the Willard Hotel. The announcement

states that the meeting would feature JOHN WEXLEY*, described as the author of the book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," who would discuss new evidence which umasks the perjury in the judgement of MORTON SOBELL."

The announcement states this meeting would be under the auspices of "Sobell Committee of Washington," and would be held in the air conditioned Washington-Adams-Jefferson Room on the first floor of that hotel.

Informant T-18

On May 24, 1956, the informant reported that the Willard Hotel had received vigorous complaints from 15 different organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Catholic War Veterans, and womens' groups protesting the hotel's allowing a meeting of the District of Columbia branch of subject organization to be held at the Hotel Willard on May 25, 1956.

The informant reported that accordingly, the Willard Hotel on the afternoon of May 24, 1956, contacted Mrs. GERTRUDE EVANS* and reminded her that when she made reservations at that hotel on May 11, 1956, for the May 25, 1956, affair, she had stated that the meeting would be a private lecture in which about 75 people would attend. The informant reported that Mrs. EVANS was advised that it had been learned that this affair would be public and had been highly publicized, making the expected attendance cosiderably larger than the reserved space could accompdate and that accordingly reservations made by her for the May 25, 1956, meeting were being cancelled.

The informant on May 25, 1956, reported that ETHEL WEICHBROD* telephonically contacted the Willard Hotel on May 24, 1956, and vigorously protested the cancellation of the JOHN WEXLEY* lecture to have been held at that hotel on May 25, 1956. The informant stated that WEICHBROD was requested to state her interest in this matter since the reservations had been made in the name of Mrs. GERTRUDE EVANS: The informant stated that WEICHBROD then replied that she was a "member of the committee" and stated that the conduct of the Hotel Willard in cancelling this scheduled meeting was the type of thing that gave impetus to free speech. The informant stated WEICHBROD requested the Hotel Willard to re-direct those persons appearing at that hotel to attend the JOHN WEXLEY meeting to the Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, N. W.



The "Evening Star" in its adition of Saturday, May 26, 1956, page A-16, columns 1-2, contained an article entitled "Hotel Voids Reservation, Sobell Rally is Shifted." This article describes a meeting held May 25, 1956, of the Sobell Committee of Washington at 1867 Kalorama Road, N. W., after the Willard Hotel had cancelled previous arrangements to meet there.

The article stated Mrs. GERTRUDE EVANS* stated on May 25, 1956, she paid a \$20 deposit for the room and got a receipt made out to the committee. According to the article, EVANS produced a receipt which was signed by a clerk and made out to the Sobel Committee. The article points out that Sobell was incorrectly spelled.

The article identifies the chairman of this meeting as DALE STEELE* and that JOHN WEXLEY* was the principal speaker. According to the article, WEXLEY called SOBELL the number one United States political prisoner and added that he was a victim of the climatic of opinion in 1951.

The "Washington Post and Times Herald" in its edition of Sunday, May 27, 1956, page D-17, column 4, contained an article entitled "Hotel Ousts Meeting to Aid Prisoner."

This article deals with the cancellation of reservations by the Hotel Willard of a meeting to have been held at that hotel on May 25, 1956, by the Sobell Committee of Washington and featuring a lecture by JOHN WEXLEY. The article points out that the meeting would be held on the same date at the Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, N. W., and added that the committee is backing MORTON SOBELL's efforts to gain elemency or a new trial.

Informant T-13

meeting of the Sobell Committee of Washington was the Tiday avening way 25, 1950 at the Inspiration to the Lorent Washington which featured an address to John Wally

According to the informant, WEXLEY's speech dealt for the most part with his book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg." The informant stated WEXLEY

spoke regarding the "kidnapping" of MORTON SOBELL, about the Mexican Government's denial that SOBELL had been there, about the alleged discrepancy in the testimony at the trial and that the recent appearance of witness GOLD before a Congressional Committee; he said that it is very difficult for the United States Government to admit that a grave miscarriage of justice has taken place in the SOBELL case because to admit such would have a bearing on the "murder" of the ROSENBERGS.

The informant reported that the collection speech was made by DAVID ALMAN

The informant reported ALMAN spoke of the two-year's work that has been put in by the committee for the campaign about to be launched for the freedom of SOBELL and stated a petition signed by a large number of prominent persons has been sent to the President of the United States asking either commutation, pardon, or a new trial for MORTON SOBELL. ALMAN reported that court action is already under way and said that many legal authorities are disturbed by this case in that they feel there was a great lack of fairness in the trial, although these individuals may not have reached a point where they think SOBELL is innocent. ALMAN stated that one point in the legal fight will be an old Supreme Court ruling that a person kidnapped from one country to another for the purpose of trial is not under the jurisdiction of the kidnapping country and cannot legally be tried. Lad

Informant T-14

Meeting was held on May 25, 1956, at Inspiration House, Kalorama Beed, N. W., featuring JOHN WEXLEY as speaker. The informant stated WEXLEY said that MORTON SOBELL would be released if he would state that JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were spies; he stated that MORTON SOBELL did not hide the fact that he was leaving the United States for Maxico and that he was beaten and kidnapped in Mexico, brought to the United States, and handed over to United States officials. WEXLEY, according to the informant, stated SOBELL should not be incarcerated in Alcatraz as this is not a political prison. He stated there are three objectives to be accomplished:

- 1. Write the President for a pardon for SOBELL.
- 2. Write United States Attorney General BROWNELL for a new trial.
- 3. Contribute towards SOBELL's legal appeals and distribute the facts of the SOBELL case to the public.

Aformant T-15 on May 26, 1956

The informants on the dates indicated reported that nothing was heard during the evening of May 250-1056. At the Unspiration House, 1867 Kalbrama Road, W. Which featured an address by JOHN WEXLEY*.

The informants reported that the invitation to this affair reflected that it was to be under the pices of the Sobell Committee of washing

The informants stated JOHN WEXLEY: devoted most of his talk to the book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg."

WEXLEY implied that the FBI negotiated with Mexican authorities to have SOBELL transported across the Mexican border in order to effect his arrest in the United States; WEXLEY stated he had recently visited SOBELL in Alcatraz and learned that SOBELL's cell has no windows, that he is kept in solitary confinement most of the time, and is questioned each day regarding the ROSENBERGs.

The informants reported DAVE ALMAN spoke at that meeting following the address of JOHN WEXLEY*.

ALMAN stated he had recently thought the ROSENBERGS and MORTON SOBELL were guilty until he read Dr. WEXLEY's book. ALMAN protested the method of interrogation utilized by agents of the FBI in questioning potential witnesses. He stated FBI agents continuously repeat statements to witnesses and then would ask the witness if he did not recall previously making such statements. ALMAN referred to this type of interrogation by FBI agents as "brain washing."

ALMAN stated \$10,000 were needed in a short period of time to effect MORTON SOBELL's transfer from Alcatraz,

that copies of WEXLEY's book were on sale. The informants stated that it was announced that part of the amount realized from the sale of WEXLEY's book would go to the local chapter of subject organization, and part of the amount would go to MORTON SOBELL.

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Informant T-8

The informant reported on May 25, 1956, that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* stated on that date that a separate meeting would be held immediately after the WEXLEY meeting on May 25, 1956.

SA's of the FBI observed the following individuals enter the building at the Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, N. W., on May 25, 1956, at the time indicated:

Time

Individuals observed

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9:00 p.m.	RUTH ABBOTT*
9:00 p.m.	SAM ABBOTT*
3:10 p.m.	ABE BLOOM*
3:35 p.m.	SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*
9:02 p.m.	LILLIAM CLOTT*
9:08 p.m.	GERTRUDE EVANS:
9:15 p.m.	BILL JOHNSON*
9:18 p.m.	RAE KAGAR*
3:37 p.m.	JULIUS KAPLAN*
3:43 p.m.	LOUIS PEARLMAN*
3:43 p.m.	REBECCA PERRLMAN*
3:50 p.m.	DON ROTHENBERD*
9:09 p.m.	DORIS RUDDER
9:09 p.m.	JOHN RUDDER#
9:50 p.m.	EYER SAMOLS*
3:47 p.m.	LARRY ZIECHECK#
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SA's of the FBI observed automobiles containing the below listed registrations and from the Inspiration House on May 25, 1956, and May 26, 1956. Individuals entered or left the Inspiration House at the time indicated below from these automobiles:

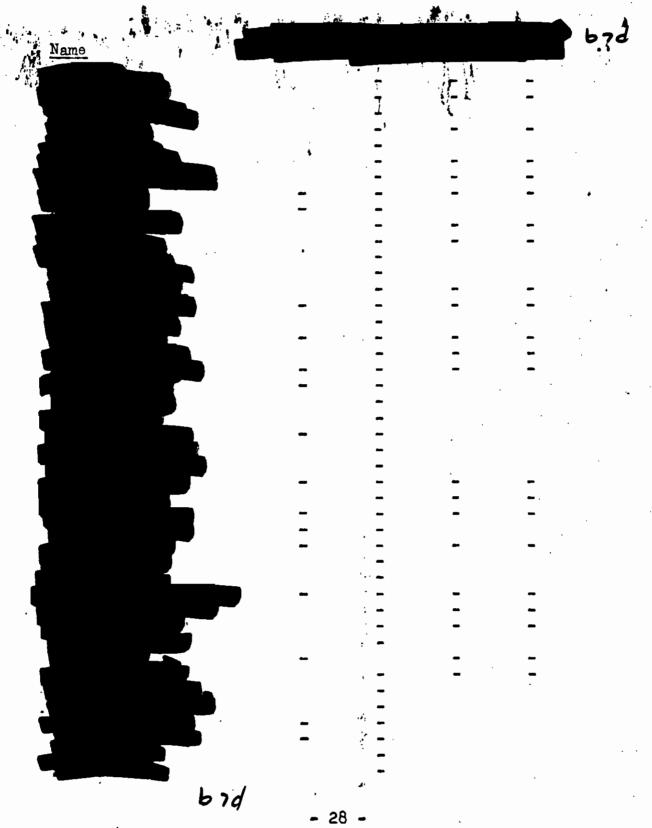
Time entered building License number	Registered owner
8:41 p.m., May 25, 1956 DC AH9072	JAMES JAFFE* 939 Longfellow Street, N. W.
	Washington, D. C.
9:01 p.m., May 25, 1956 VA A75218	VICTOR FLEISHER* 129 Dale Street Alexandria, Virginia
9:12 p.m., May 25, 1956 DC AG5401	JESSIE and SAMUEL MICHELSON* 2828 Connecticut Avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C.
12:05 a.m., May 26, 1956 MD EA2106	DOROTHY TODD# 4805 Langdrum Land Chevy Chase, Maryland

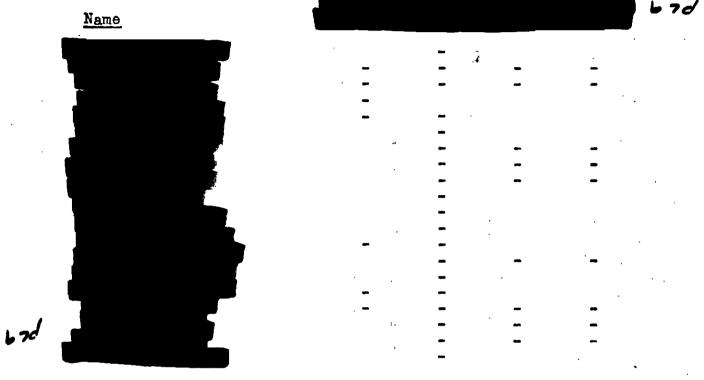
On May 26, 1956, SA's of the FBI observed AL BERNSTEIN*, SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, ETHEL WEICHBROD*, DON ROTHENBERG; and two unidentified males and one unidentified female leave the Inspiration House and proceed to travel in a group via AL BERNSTEIN'S* automobile to Bassins Restaurant, 1347 E Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., entering this restaurant at 12:35 a.m. The group was observed dining at this restaurant until about 2:10 a.m., May 26, 1956, at which time the group separated.

It is noted that SA's of the FBI subsequently identified one of the unidentified male individuals mentioned above as identical with JOHN WEXLEY.

The chart below represents the attendance at the May 25, 1956, meeting held at the Inspiration House, Kalorama Road, N. W., of the Sobell Committee of Washington which featured an address by JOHN WEXLEY*.

Horizontal marks in the columns opposite an individuals name indicate that this individual was in attendance as reported by the informant at the top of the column:





B. Literature Distribution

Informant T-19

The informant on November 1, 1955, made available a one page pamphlet of a reprint of a book review by BRETT HALLIDAY on the book entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY*.

According to the informant this book review was obtained at

This reprint of the book review reveals it was reprinted as a public service by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 1050 6th Avenue, New York, 18, New York.

Informant T-13

On May 30, 1956, informant made available the following literature which was passed out in a meeting of the Sobell Committee of Washington held May 25, 1956, at the Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, N. W.:

- (1) 43 page booklet entitled "Prisoner on our Conscience-The Story of Morton Sobell," by EMILY and DAVID ALMAN; published as a public service by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City.
 - (2) Pamphlet entitled "Atomic Scientist Dr. Harold C. Urey asks Justice for Morton Sobell." This pamphlet states "Other facts and the full trial transcript available at COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, N. Y., LO4-9585."
 - (3) Partial reprints from five separate newspapers regarding a petition submitted by MORTON SOBELL in Federal Court on May 8, 1956, for his freedom or a new trial; reprinted as a public service by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City.
 - (4) Reprint of book review appearing in "The Western Political Quarterly," Volume 8, Number 4, December 55, regarding "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY*; reprinted as a public service by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City.
 - (5) Four page pamphlet entitled "The Lord Russell Debate on the Case of Morton Sobell" Back page of this pamphlet indicates that copies of the pamphlet may be obtained from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 11, New York.
 - (6) Reprint from "The Globe and Mail," Canadian National newspaper on March 27, 1956, regarding MORTON SOBELL's incarceration in Alcatraz; reprinted by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, as a public service.

Informant T-15

On May 26, 1956, the informant also made available literature which was passed out at the meeting of the Sobell Committee of Washington held at the Inspiration House on May 25, 1956.

- (1) Reprint of book reviews appearing in "New York Post" August 21, 1955, and the "Indianapolis News" for July 23, 1955, regarding "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY*; reprinted as a public service by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York.
- (2) Reprint of book review appearing in "Fairfield County Fair" September 15, 1955, regarding "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY#; this review is by BRETT HALLIDAY and is identical to the review previously made available by informant T-19. This review states it was reprinted as a public service by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York.
 - (3) Reprint of book review appearing in "Akron Beacon Journal" January 29, 1956, and "Rochester Democrat and Chronical" January 81, 1956, regarding "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg." This review indicates it was reprinted as a public service by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City.
 - (4) 43 page booklet entitled "Prisoner on our Conscience--The Story of Morton Sobell," by EMILY and DAVID ALMAN. Page two of this booklet reflects it to be published by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City.

The informant also made available literature obtained at this meeting described as items three, five, and six under the material furnished by informant T-13 noted above.

Informant T-15 on May 26, 1956 Informant T-16 on May 26, 1956

The informants reported on the dates indicated that at the meeting held on May 25, 1956, at the Inspiration House, 1867 Kalorama Road, N. W., which was sponsored by the Sobell Committee of Washington, JULIUS KAPLAN* was distributing literature at this meeting.

The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY*.

The informants made available the following described literature distributed at this meeting:

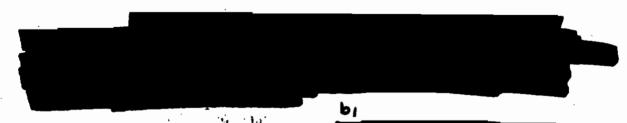
- (1) A two page music sheet entitled "Come Place a Red Rose" and "My Loved One" published by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.
- (2) One page reprint of book review of "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg." This book review, authored by BRETT HALLIDAY appeared in September 15, 1955 issue of "Fairfield County Fair." The review reflects it was reprinted as a public service by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

Informant 1-10

The informant on December 20, 1955, made available information that Mr. and Mrs. AL BERNSTEIN* had received a letter dated November 18, 1955, from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which letter contained the mimeographed signature of TED JACOBSON. The letter pointed out that enclosed were reprints of a review of JOHN WEXLEY's* book appearing in the "Library Journal" described as the main guide for libraries throughout the country. The letter stated that the "Library Journal" recommends that the WEXLEY book be bought and adds that this review might be useful in visiting university professors and newspapers for the purpose of having WEXLEY's book purchased.

The informant on December 20, 1955, made available press releases of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York regarding the appeal for the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz. The informant reported this press release had been received by Mr. and Mrs. AL BERNSTEIN*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Informant T-8



On November 1. 1955.

advised SA HARMON J. OGREN that on October 29, 1955, he received in the mail at his home, a circular letter under the letterhead "Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, 507 West 34th Street, New York 31, New York. This letter stated that under separate cover a book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JQHN WEXLEY* was being sent to the recipient and that this book uncovers facts about the witnesses in the trial of MORTON SOBELL, which facts, had they been available to the jury during the trial would have made the tonviction impossible. The letter also asks for the recipient's comments as to what can be done for SOBELL, and states "we" would be glad to discuss the matter personally at "your" convenience. This letter is signed with the mechanically reproduced signature of ROSE SOBELL, mother, and HELEN SOBELL*, wife of MORTON SOBELL.

advised that on October 31, 1955, he received in the mail at his home the book described above A He stated he never had any contact personally or by correspondence with any persons or organizations interested in the trial or subsequent clemency appeals of the ROSENBERGs or MORTON SOBELL prior to these communications and had no knowledge as to why the above described literature was sent to him.

On November 21, 1955, advised SA CARROLL M. GARNETT that on November 10, 1955, she received through the mail at her home a book entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY" which had been mailed from Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City.

She stated that a few days prior to the seceift of this book she had received also through the mail a form letter from New York City relative to the release of MORTON. SOBELL from Alcatraz and indicated that the abovedescribed book was being sent to her gratis.

advised she has an unlisted telephone number in Washington, D. C., and wondered how her address was obtained. She stated that possibly she had been selected as the recipient of this material because of her husband's former position

CONNECTIONS WITH NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Informant T-10

On February 17, 1956, the informant made available a letter dated December 9, 1955, from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, which contained the mimeographed signature of DAVID ALMAN. This letter points out that the Committee the Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has the service of five full-time persons, of which one is a technical worker, but that within a short time two new organizers would be made available to the committee. The letter states the committee now has one organizer covering New York mainly, but also covering New Jersey, Maryland, Washington, D. C., and cities south. In addition, the letter states that the committee has one organizer working nationally and a public relations person, who also acts as an organizer. A full-time secretary is employed, as well as Mrs. HELEN SOBELL*. The letter states that the salaries of these seven persons over a period of one year would be approximately \$15,000, adding that the maximum salary is \$85.

The letter advised that the budget for the coming year is \$55,500, and adds "basically, however, you must devise ways and means of helping us raise the \$55,500."

The informant on December 20, 1955, made available a copy of a press release of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, regarding an appeal for the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz. The informant reported this release was received by the BERNSTEINS, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

The informant on October 21, 1955, made available information that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, received a letter dated October 7, 1955, from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York. This letter is signed "DAVID ALMAN For the Committee." This letter points out to the BERMSTEINs that "your committee" owes \$117 for books. The letter requests BERNSTEIN to attempt to borrow this amount against expected local collections and supply this amount to subject organization in order that the committees obligations could be met.

On October 21, 1955, the informant made available information that TYLVIA BERNSTEIN* was invited to a meeting of the Sobell Committee Tuesday, October 18, 1955, at 8:30 p.m. at Room 519, 930 F Street, N. W. The informant reported that the invitation stated AARON SCHNEIDER* of the "New York Committee" would discuss "New Developments in the Sobell Case."

The informant on November 18, 1955, made available information that Mr. And Mrs. AL BERNSTEIN: received a letter dated November 18, 1955, from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. This letter contains the mimeographed signature of TED JACOBSON, and points out that enclosed were reprints of a review of JOHN WEXLEY's book appearing in the "Library Journal." The letter states this review might be helpful to BERNSTEIN in the sale of WEXLEY's book.

The informant on December 20, 1955, made available information revealing that the BERNSTEINS, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, had received a communication dated October 24, 1955, from the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York. This letter contains the mimeographed signature of DAVID ALMAN who advised that the League of Women Voters had undertaken a series of public meetings in which all persons were

invited to state their views on issues of importance. This letter suggests BERNSTEIN contact the local League chapter to determine the various dates and places of such meetings and that BERNSTEIN arrange to supply those present at these meetings with information on the Sobell Case.

The informant on December 20, 1955, made available information reflecting that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* had received a communication from Room 2, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York. The informant stated he did not know the nature of this communication but that the communication was postmarked New York, New York, June 10, 1955.

The informant on December 20, 1955, made available information revealing that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* had received a communication from Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. The informant stated he did not know the nature of this communication but that the communication was postmarked New York, New York, November 18, 1955.

The informant on December 20, 1955, made available information revealing that Mrs. SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* received a letter dated June 1, 1955, from subject organization, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York. This letter states that a copy of JOHN WEXLEY's book is being forwarded to BERNSTEIN for her perusal and that through a special arrangement, copies of this book will be made available to all Sobell Committees for the special rate of \$4.50 plus postage.

On May 18, 1956, the informant made available information that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* had received correspondence postmarked July 11, 1956, New York, New York, from Roam D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

The informant also advised that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* received a communication postmarked May 9, 1956, New York, New York, from Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

The informant on the same date made available information revealing SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* received a communication from the same address, which communication was postmarked May 4, 1956, New York. The informant reported he did not

months nature of any of the above referred to communications.

The informant on June 4, 1956, made available information revealing that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN received a communication postmarked May 28, 1956, New York 1, New York, from Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

The informant on July 3, 1956, made available information regulating that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* had received a communication from the same address in New York City, which communication was postmarked June 28, 1956, New York City. The informant stated he did not know the nature of these communications.

On June 12, 1956, the informant made available information that the BERNSTEINS, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, had received a printed pamphlet consisting of a picture of Mrs. MORTON SOBELL* as well as three poems by her entitled "Free," "Alcatraz," and "Redemption." This pamphlet contains no information as to the sender.

On June 26, 1956, the informant made available information that SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* received a letter postmarked June 20, 1956, New York, New York, with return address Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. This letter contains the mimeographed signature of AARON SCHNEIDER* of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. This letter reports that GEORGE KAUFMAN had denied both motions but that this has been appealed. The letter states further that the recipient would be provided with further details mearding this matter after GEORGE KAUFMAN's opinion had been examined and the attorneys consulted.

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Informant T-10

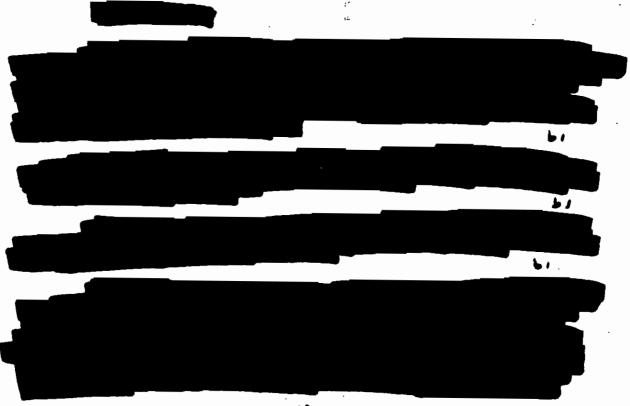
The informant on July 10, 1956, made available a letter dated May 4, 1956, from AARON SCHNEIDER* of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. This letter is addressed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, and is as follows:

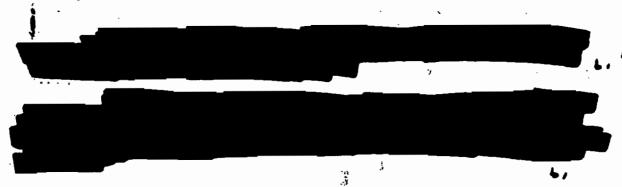
"Dear SYLLES:

"You will be pleased to hear that JOHN WEXLEY* has agreed to be in Washington for your affair on Friday, May 25. We are rushing this to you so that you may go ahead with your arrangements.

"We know you will have a successful affair.

"Sincerely, /s/ AARON SCHNEIDER FOR THE COMMITTEE"





X. CONNECTIONS WITH PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (PPDC)

Informant T-7

On January 31, 1955, informant identified the officers of the PPDC as either Communist Party members or CP sympathizers. Informant stated that the PPDC has never opposed the CP on any issue or program.

The National Committee, Communist Party, USA, in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs," issue of July 1953, states in substance that in 1948 the Communist Party helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and correctly supported the Progressive Party through the 1952 elections. It then states:

"However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historic task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence, there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the Progressive Party represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a great mass people's Party."

As a result of this reasoning, the resolution concludes that the "Progressive Party, the CP and other progressive forces" must unite in a broad, mass-front coalition.

Concerning "Political Affairs," mentioned above, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, a convicted Communist Party functionary, testifying in the case "US vs ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN et al." on October 20, 1952, stated that "Political Affairs" has been the theoretical organ of the Communist Party since the publication's beginning in 1945.

Informant T-13

It is noted that informant on February 8, 1956, reported that

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the PPDC was officially dissolved

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Informant T-15
Informant T-16

Informants reported on the dates indicated that

exhorted persons in attendance to purchase a copy of the book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JCHN WEXLEY*. In addition, informant reported was distributing literature at this meeting which had been published by the Committeee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

Informant T-19

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informant reported that

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diterature printed by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York, was distributed at this meeting.

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Informant T-8

XI. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

Informant	T-13	on	June	26,	1956
Informant	1-14	on	July	2,	1956
Informant					
Informant	T-16	on	June	29,	1956

Informants on the dates indicated reported they knew of no current information regarding Communist infiltration into or CP connections with the Sobell Committee of Washington.

XII. IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

ORGANIZATION LINE

Informant T-14

Informant on May 28, 1956, stated that at a meeting held May 25, 1956, at the Inspiration House, Washington, D. C., in which JOHN WEXLEY* spoke, WEXLEY stated there were three objectives to be accomplished; 1, write the President of the United States for a pardon for MORTON SOBELL, 2, write the United States Attorney General for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, 3, contribute toward SOBELL's legal appeals and distribute the facts of the SOBELL Case to the public.

COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

"FOR GOING ON six years now
MORTON SOBELL, who is at present confined in Alcatraz
Federal Penitentiary, has been
held in jail after having been
convicted on trumped-up charges,
of 'conspiracy to gather espionage.'
SOBELL stands condemned to serve
a total sentence of thirty years
in the American Devil's Island..."

"In the fight for SOBELL, the main issue now is to see to it that he is granted a new trial...."

"Daily Worker, January 9, 1956, p., 5"

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XIII. IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS

The following is an identification of those individuals mentioned heretofore who were identified by an asterisk representing one time CP membership or exhibiting CP sympathy.

RUTH ABBOTT

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified RUTH ABBOTT as a current CP member.

SAM ABBOTT

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified SAM ABBOTT as a current CP member.

OLIVIA ABELSON

On November 7, 1951, informant stated OLIVIA ABELSON during the early 1940's was a member of the CP in Washington, D. C., engaged in CP work

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LEITA BECK

, reported on August, 1950, that LEITA BECK was a CP member in 1949.

ALFRED BERNSTEIN

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified ALFRED BERNSTEIN as a current member of the CP.

SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, also known as, Mrs. ALFRED BERNSTEIN

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a current member of the CP.

ABE BLOOM

Informant on February 23, 1955, stated that while ABE BLOOM is unknown to informant as a CP member, BLOOM does support CP policies.

ANNE BLOOM, also known as, Mrs. ASE BLOOM

Informant on November 27, 1953, stated that while informant knew of no CP membership by ANNE BLOOM nevertheless ANNE BLOOM speaks as a CP member.

MARY CHANSKY, also known as, Mrs. MORRIS CHANSKY

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on August 9, 1950, stated MARY CHANSKY was a CP member during 1949.

MORRIS CHANSKY

on August 9, 1950, stated MORRIS CHANSKY was a CP member in 1949.

LILLIAN CLOTT

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified LILLIAN CLOTT as a current member of the CP.

GERTRUDE EVANS

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified GERTRUDE EVANS as a current member of the CP.

BURTON FELTER, also known as, BURT FELTER

Informant advised during March 1953, that BURTON FELTER was a current member of the CP.

RITA B. FLEISHER, also known as, Mrs. VICTOR FLEISHER

on August 9, 1950, identified RITA FLEISHER as a CP member in 1949.

VICTOR FLEISHER

Informant in January 1954, identified VICTOR FLEISHER as a current Cl' member.

JOSEPH FORER

Informant stated on March 28, 1950, that JOSEPH FORER, an Attorney, was then representing ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN in her

efforts to obtain a renewal of her passport. In April 1950, informant reported that FORER had assisted in the preparation of certain legal papers in connection with the EUGENE DENNIS Contempt Case.

It is noted that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was former chairman of the National Womens Club, CP, USA, who was tried and convicted in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, in 1953, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary of the CP, was convicted in 1949 and 1950 for violating the Smith Act of 1940.

CHARLES GIFT

Informant on February 26, 1956, reported that CHARLES GIFT was a current member of the CP.

MARCUS COLDMAN

Informant in early 1953, stated that this source strongly suspected MARCUS GOLDMAN of being a CP member but could not definitely so state. Informant reported that this opinion is based on the fact that GOLDMAN speaks as a CP member and is known as one of the reaviest financial contributors to the Communist cause in the Washington, D. C. area.

MARY GRIER

On September 7, 1950, informant stated MARY GRIER was an active member of the Navy Cell of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C.,

CASEY GUREWITZ

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified CASEY GUREWITZ as a current CP member.

HELEN CUREWITZ, also known as, Mrs. CASEY GUREWITZ

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified HELEN GUREWITZ as a current CP member.

FRANCES JACOBSON, also known as FANNIE JACOBSON

JACOBSON was a member of the CP in 1946 and had been a member of the CP for six years at that time.

JAMES JAFFE

Informant T-24, who is in a position to supply reliable information, on June 13, 1956, supplied a photographic reproduction of a CP transfer for JAMES JAFFE.

WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, also known as BILL JOHNSON

On February 26, 1953, informant identified BILL JOHNSON as a current member of the CP. Informant reported periodically during 1954 that JOHNSON was a member of the City Committee of the CP in the District of Columbia.

RAE KAGAR

on August 9, 1950, identified RAE KAGAR as a member of the CP in 1949.

JULIUS KAPIAN

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified JULIUS KAPLAN as a current CP member.

DORA KELENSON

on May 27, 1946, reported that DORA KELENSON was a member of the CP in the District of Columbia in 1944 and 1946.

MEYER KRAUS

NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN

Informant T-26, who was in a position to supply reliable information on September 15, 1942, reported that NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN

was at that time a member of the Ruthenberg Branch, Cleveland, Ohio, section of the Young communist League.

It is to be noted that the Young communist League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

JESSIE MICHELSON

in October 1950, reported that JESSIE MICHELSON was secretary of the Petworth Club of the CP in the District of olumbia as late as September 1949.

SAM MICHELSON

on June 18, 1948, identified SAM MICHELSON as a current member of the CP.

JOE MC RAE

Informant on April 9, 1953, identified JOE MC RAE as a current CP member.

ESTAR PASKOFF

Informant on February 10, 1955, identified ESTAR PASKOFF as a current CP member.

LOUIS PEARLMAN

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified LOUIS PEARLMAN as a current CP member.

REBECCA PEARIMAN, also known as, Mrs. LOUIS PEARLMAN

On February 26, 1953, informant identified REBECCA PEARLMAN as a current CP member.

ROY PELTZ

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified ROY PELTZ as a current CP member.

RAY PINKSON

Informant on March 30, 1953, stated he knew RAY PINKSON to be a past member of the CP.

DAVID REIN

advised SA's RAYMOND
L. O'KELLY and ROBERT C. PUTNAM that DAVID REIN was a member of the
secret government CP group

SEIMA REIN, also known as, Mrs. DAVID REIN

Informant has identified SELMA REIN as a CP member in 1945.

SOPHIE RICH

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified SOPHIE RICH as a past CP member.

DON ROTHENBERG

on February 3, 1948, identified DON ROTHENBERG as a member, at that time, of the Civil Liberties Group of the CP in the District of Columbia.

DORIS RUDDER, also known as, Mrs. JOHN RUDDER

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified DORIS RUDDER as a current member of the CP.

JOHN RUDDER

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified JOHN RUDDER as a current CP member.

MEYER SAMOLS

Informant on February 12, 1954, identified MEYER SAMOLS as a current member of the CP.

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SELMA SAMOLS, also known as, Mrs. MEYER SAMOLS

On February 12, 1954, informant identified SELMA SAMOLS as a current CP member.

AARON SCHNEIDER

Informant recently stated that AARON SCHNEIDEH had just been stripped of all his CP functions and was, at that time, a "rank and file" party member.

AL SHERMAN

Informant reported during May 1953, that AL SHERMAN was a current member of the CP.

CHARLES SKLAR

Informant reported during November 1951, that CHARLES SKLAR had been a member of the CP, according to information received by this informant, but that informant was unable to so state from personal knowledge.

ADELE SMITH

Informant on April 27, 1955, advised that ADELE SMITH was a member of the CP in the District of Columbia in the late 1930's and early 1940's.

HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ SOBELL, also known as, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL

Informant during the period February 25, 1954, through March 11, 1954, described HELEN LEVITOV as a member of the CP in Washington, D. C., at one time.

on identified HELEN CUREWITZ as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP, Washington, D. C.,

DALE STEELE

informant in September 1953, identified DALE STEELE as a member of the CP at that time.

ABE SUROVELL

Informant on February 18, 1952, reported that APE SUROVELL was a CP member in the District of Columbia during the period 1943 - 1946.

ESTHER SUROVELL

Informant and advised during the late 1940's that ESTHER SUROVEIL was a member of the Navy Yard Cell of the CP in the District of Columbia

DOROTHY TODD

Informant a former member of the CP, reported in early 1948 that DOROTHY TODD was a member of the CP

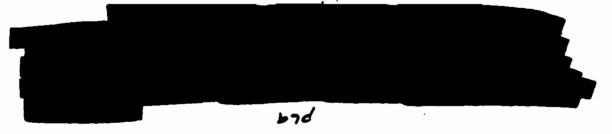
ETHEL WEICHBROD

Informant on March 20, 1953, identified ETHEL WEICHBROD as a current CP member.

ETHEL WEISSER

Informant on April 28, 1954, identified ETHELWEISSER as a current CP member.

DANIEL WEITZMAN, also known as, DANNY WEITZMAN



JOHN WEXLEY

ROBERT ROSSEN, Hollywood Motion Picture Producer, Director and Writer appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in New York City on May 7, 1953, and identified JOHN WEXLEY as a CP member in Hollywood, California, in 1942.



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HELEN WINIK, also known as, Mrs. IRVING WINIK

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified HELEN WINIK as a current CP member.

Dr. IRVING WINIK

Informant on February 26, 1953, identified IRVING WINIK as a current CP member.

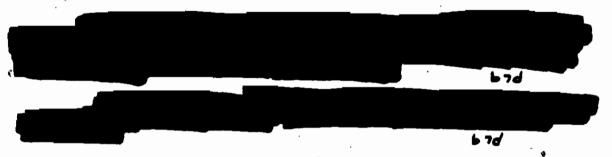
LARRY ZIECHECK

on August 11, 1950, reported that LARRY ZIECHECK was a member of the CP in 1949.

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The indicated Washington Field Special Agents who participated in the fisur on October 18, 1955, observed the following individuals enter 930 F Street, N. W.:

Agents Participating

FRANCIS V. GARDNER RAYMOND L. O'KELLY HARMON J. OGREN

Individuals Observed

ALFRED BERNSTEIN SYLVIA BERNSTEIN

The following Special Agents participating on the fisur on October 18, 1955, observed the following individuals departing 930 F Street, N. W.,

Agents Participating

C. BENJAMIN FULTON
RAYMOND L. O'KELLY
HARMON J. OGREN

Individuals Observed

AL BERNSTEIN
SYLVIA BERNSTEIN
NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN
ABE BLOOM
ETHEL WEICHBROD
GERTRUDE EVANS

Special Agents of the Washington Field Office participating on the November 11, 1955, fisur of a meeting held at 930 F Street, N. W., of the D. C. Chapter of subject organization, observed the following individuals:

Agents Participating

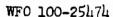
DONALD C. JACOBSON G. MAYLON MILLER

Individuals Observed

GERTRUDE EVANS
ABE BLOOM
NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN
SYLVIA BERNSTEIN
ESTHER SUROVELL

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participated in the fisur on March 22, 1956, and observed the following individuals enter and leave the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, 900 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.:

Agents Participating

Individuals Observed

G. MAYLON MILLER KARL V. HETHERINGTON ROBERT C. PUTNAM CARROLL M. GARNETT

SYLVIA BERNSTEIN SELMA REIN

The following Special Agents participated in the fisur on May 14, 1956, at 1515 Ogden Street, N. W., and observed the following individuals enter this address:

Agents Participating

Individuals Observed

HENRY L. DE BUCK WILLIAM G. SHAW RAYMOND L. O'KELLY

GERTRUDE EVANS ADELE SMITH SYLVIA BERNSTEIN ETHEL WEICHBROD

The following Special Agents participated in the fisur on May 25, 1956, at the Inspiration House, Kalorama Road, N. W., and observed the following individuals either enter or leave the building during the hours of the meeting:

Agents Participating

Indivudals Observed

EUGENE J. GARBUTT KARL V. HETHER INGTON JOSEPH A. CONNORS, Jr. HILMER H. KREBS

ABE BLOOM

EUGENE J. GARBUTT JOSEPH A. CONNORS, Jr.

DON ROTHENBERG SYLVIA BERNSTEIN

KARL V. HETHERINGTON

KARL V. HETHERINGTON

JOSEPH A. CONNORS, Jr.

RUTH ABBOTT SAM ABBOTT

JOSEPH A. CONNORS, JR.

GERTRUDE EVANS

HILMER H. KREBS

BILL JOHNSON RAE KAGAR

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Agents Participating

Individuals Observed

EUGRNE J. GARBUTT

JOSEPH A. CONNORS, Jr.

JULIUS KAPLAN LOUIS PEARLMAN REBECCA PEARLMAN

LARRY ZIECHEK

JOSEPH A. CONNORS, Jr.

LILLIAN CLOTT DORIS RUDDER

HILMER H. KREBS

MEYER SAMOLS

JOHN RUDDER

Automobiles bearing the following licenses were observed by Special Agents on the above mentioned fisur transporting individuals to the and/or from the Inspiration House during the hours of the meeting on May 25, 1956, and during the early morning of May 26, 1956.

Agents Observing

License Number of Automobile

JOSEPH A. CONNORS, Jr.

D. C. license AH 9072 Virginia license A 75218 Maryland license TA 2106

KARL V. HETHERINGTON
JOSEPH A. CONNORS, Jr.

D. C. license AG 5401

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T-6 -			RICH H. BLASSER	100-254- 74-958
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	Made availabe lette date October 7, 195 on CSJMS	er 35•.		PAUL E. MORRISON	100-25474- 1B2-(37)
	Made available flie announcing meeting 5/25/56	er 4	12/20/55	PAUL E. MORRISON	100-25474- 1B2-(46)
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T-10 - Trash cover maintained residence of BERNSTEIN's, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring,	Made available 12/20/55 letter dated 11/18/55 from CSJMS	PAUL E. MORRISON	100-25474- 1B2-(48)
Maryland	Made availabe press 12/20/55 release re release of SOBELL from Alcatraz	, #	100-25474- 1B2-(42)
	Made available letter 12/20/55 from subject organization to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN	n .	100-25474- 182-(43)
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	SYLVIA BERNSTEIN receives 6/12/56 pamphlet consisting of three poems by Mrs. MORTON SOBELL ADMINISTRATIVE		100-25474- 1B2-(60)
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	Made available undated 6/29/56 mimeographed letter from DAVID ALMAN	100-25474- 1B2-(66)
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T-11 - Trash cover maintained residence of IRVING WINIK, 3900 Mc Kinley Street in Wash- ington, D. C.	Made available letter 2/23/56 from Mrs. ROSE SOBELL requesting funds for SOBELL Committee	HILMER H. 100-2669- KREBS Sub ClA- (56)
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BALTIMORE DIVISION, INFORMATION

An informational copy of this report is being supplied to Baltimore Office inasmuch as individuals who reside in this Pivision have participated in the activities of the Sobell Committee of Washington.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

Will continue to follow the activities of the Sobell Committee of Washington.

REFERENCES

Report of SA CARROLL M. GARNETT dated September 28, 1955, at Washington; Washington Field Office letter to Bureau dated March 13, 1956.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

****** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726) DATE: 7/24/56

FROM: SA CARL R. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE

JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka

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Reproduction 4 page typewritten report by mail by the writer on 7/16/56 from furnished reliable information in the past:

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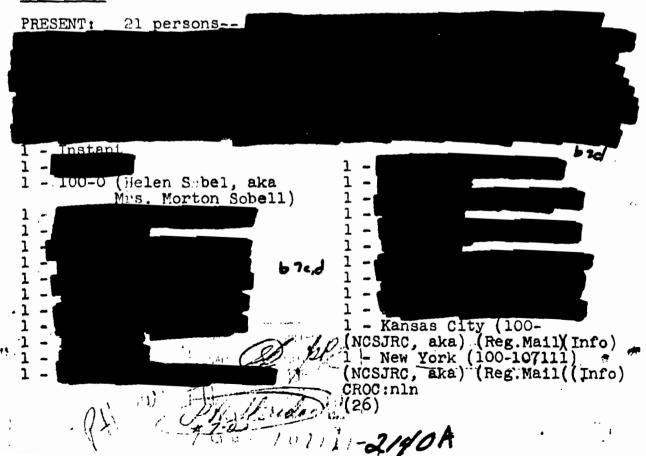
"TIME: 8 P.M.

DATE: July 12th, 1956

PLACE: Kingsway Hotel 108 N. Kingshighway, Marquis Room

SPEAKER: Helen Sobel - wife of MORTON SOBELL

CHAIRMAN: CLARA MAE PERKINS



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"CLARA MAE PERKINS introduced HPGEN SOBELL very briefly. lost no tire in taking the floor. She has lost weight and wore a plain bla k dress with white collar. Her hair is short bob and the spake in a soft voice, sing-song and posed at the pathetic wile of a man who has been unjustly convicted. first of a: told about the trial-She asked the group to bear in mind the MORTON SORELL was convicted on the testimony of one man- ELLING P-who was a confessed perjurer. She added that MORTON was ried and convicted for conspiracy but at no time during the 'rial did sayone state that MORTON had conspired with anyone nor had anyone conspired wit him. She stated that shortly a beard will hear the motion for a new trial. same opinion that Judge Frank will be friendly based on his past statements.

"HELEN SOBIEL then quoted Dr. HAROLD UREY and then crossed the ocean to BEFTRAND RUSSELL who had a letter in the Manchester Guardian, Fegland. She quoted all friendly persons and papers. On several occasions she pointed to articles or letters in the New York Times or Post.

"Mrs. SOBELL told of her trip to Canada where she spoke in Regins in the Province of Saskatchewan. According to her story high government officials of that territory were at the meeting. She said that some higher-ups wanted to have these persons fired for being with her but those in power in the Province said 'We do not any McCarthyism in Saskatchewan."

"Mrs. SOBET: care to St. Louis from Kansas City where she had a very successful meeting. She told of a mailing plan-write a letter at sut the MORTON SOBELL Case and have a cover with important present in the Community siging same and asking those who receive the mailing to read the material. She said that it takes thousands and thousands of dollars to carry on the fight and this meney is collected in nickles and dimes. Mrs. SOBELL ended her speach on the emotional, dramatic key. She asked to group to realte that one human being, her husband, is shut away from his family—a son whom he does not know. She brought in a little family touches such as birthdays. She told also

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about the Lidnapping in Mexico and claims that the FBI was behind the arrest and brutal beating of her husband and she stated that the defense now had documented evidence to prove this fact. Also she claim that dragging her husband from Mexico broke a treaty with that country. The defense has hired a Mexican Attorney from the University of Mexico who is an expert on treaties to prove this fact.

"At the end of the speech IRV GLICKER got up and asked for money. He passed around a hat

"There was a question period: Someone asked if she could visit her husband. She said that both she and his mother could but not the children. She described the details of going to Alcatraz and how she has to look at her husband thru two little windows and talk to him by telephone. She also claimed that when MORTON has appeared before a parole board the Board always states that they do not know why he is in Alcatraz. put out a little Sob propaganda about a man of MORTON's character and disposition being locked up day in and day out just because he will not confess to something he did not do and name names. She said that he is a gentle man who had never even had a traffic ticket and imagine him in a place like Alcatraz. She asked that all write and send him cards. He will not get this mailing but it will let the Warden know that he has friends and in a way this is a protection for Morty. She also asked that letters be written to the President as an appeal has been sent to him for a commutation of MORTON SOBELL's sentence to time served or a pardon.

"ROY COHN, Judge HOFFMAN, the FBI, HARRY GOLD, ELLINGER all came in for criticism. Men like ELMER DAVIS and WALDO FRANK were praised.

"The meeting was rather drab without too much force and enthusiasm.

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"HELEN SOBELL has mastered the emotional appela quite well and cane impress an audience with this line of talk and she is capable of gening quite a bit of sympathy has the poor little wife with two children.

"All were asked by Mrs. SOBELL to help themselves generously to the literature on the back table and to spead same about the community so that new freinds can be gained for her husband. The group was most friendly-all smiles and welcome.

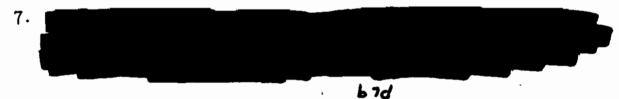
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"The literature mentioned by Mrs. SOBELL consisted of a new pamphlet by EMILY and DAVID ALMAN. PRISONER ON OUR CONSCIENCE, The Congressional Record THE SOBELL CASE, THE WESTERN POLITICAL QUARTERLY, MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, CATHOLIC WORKER, THE LORD RUSSELL DEBATE."

Following all obtained by at instant meeting, personally by writer 7/17/56, filed as indicated:

- 1. Reprint from "Congressional Record", 84th Congress, 2nd session "The Sobell Case" "Extension of Remarks of Hon. WILLIAM LANGER of North Dakota in the Senate of the United States" on 5/9/56 (reflects "not printed at Government expense"). (1A-/4).
- 2. Pamphlet "Prisoner on our Conscience The Story of MORTON SOBELL" by FMILY and DAVID ALMAN, published by "The Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL", NYC. (1-A
- 3. One page document reflecting in part letter to Editor of the Manchester Guardian captioned "The Sobell Case" by Bertrand Russell appearing in 3/26/56 edition of Manchester Guardian, reprinted by "The Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL", NYC. (1A-14)
- 4. Document "The Lord Russell Debate on the Case of MORTON SOBELL" reflecting issuance by above. (1A-144).

- 5. Reprint of book review of "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Posenberg" by Wexley as reviewed by Francis D. Wormut: appaaring in "The Western Political Quarterly; Vol. Vill, No. 4, December, 1955 published quarterly by Institute of Govt., University of Utah, reflecting issuance by above, in which included in folder, document "Morton Sobalt Appealing for a New Trial" issued by St. Louis committee for Morton Sobell. (1A-14-).
- 6. One page reprint by "The Committee to Secure Justice for MOTION SOREGIO" of book review of "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Posenberg by WEXLEY as reviewed by Robert Ludlow in "The Catholic Worker", Vol. XXII, No. 8, March, 1956 (Received by source at 7/12/56 meeting of St. Lotis Committee for Morton Sobell). (14-15).



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R.D. #1. Kintnersville, HARRY GEORGE WALTER Bucks County, Pa., has furnished relable information in the past. He testified as a witness for the Government at the Smith Act Trial of Dr. ALBERT E. BLUMBERG on 2/21-23/56, held in U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. WALTER was a member of the CP from 1946 to 1949. In 6/52, he re-entered the CP for the purpose of furnishing information to the FBI and did so until his exposure as a witness. WALTER is employed as a steel worker. He is available and willing to appear as a witness.

WALTER was interviewed on 7/20/56, by SAs ROBERT E. KENT and MARION B. HUMMEL and furnished the following information concerning captioned organization:

Prior to the execution of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG in June 1953, the Lehigh Valley Section, CPEPD, supported the campaign to save the ROSENBERGS from execution. Funds were collected by the CP in the Lehigh Valley area of Pennsylvania in support of this campaign. Every CP member and sympathizer was urged to participate by sending communications to the President of the United States requesting clemency and/or a stay of execution. CP leaders urged such participation at CP meetings. WALTER recalled that Dr. ALBERT BLUMBERG, a national CP official, urged communications to the President requesting clemency for the ROSENBERGs at a Lehigh Valley Section committee meeting held 2/13/53, at the residence of FRANK KINCES in Doylestown, Pa. WILLIAM POWERS, Lehigh Valley Section Organizer, also urged such communications from all CP members and sympathizers at a National Steel Conference of the CP held 6/7/53, at the residence of ISADORE POSSOFF in Philadelphia, Pa.

WALTER knew of no former organization established in the Lehigh Valley area of Pennsylvania to carry out this campaign and could furnish no information regarding the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.

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(HARRY G. WALTER))

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DATE: July 27, 1956

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE

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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

(00: New York)

On July 24, 1956, Panel Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected at her request, furnished the following described literature to SA JACK W. SULLIVAN.

This literature is enclosed for your information.

The literature furnished by Mrs. FRIEDBERG is described as follows:

An undated mimeographed letter written under the letterhead of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SCHELL. 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, signed "THEODORE JACOBS, Public Relations," with an attached reprint of a review by FRANCIS D. WORMUTH, University of Utah, of the book, "The Judgement of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG," by JOHN WEXLEY, which book review was published in the December, 1955 edition of the "Western Political Quarterly" at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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raise funds to maintain the Los Angeles Office of this Committee.

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The "Morning Freiheit" of June 18, 1956, on page 4, columns 1-2, contained an article about the statement, by Jean Paul Sartre, which appeared in the "New York Times" of June 15th, requesting a review of the trial of Morton Sobell. Concerning this the editorial concluded:

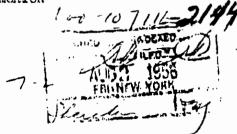
Every honest person must agree with the position taken by this famous French Thinker: Norton Sobell's trial must be reviewed and he must be freed from the rock hole as soon as possible. As regards the prestige of the United States, we are profoundly convinced, and a great number of Americans feel that the prestige of the United States suffered and is continuing to suffer as a result of the tragic trial of the Rosenberg martyrs and of Norton Sobell, and that the prestige of our country can only grow through the liberation of an impocent person!

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The following editorial appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of June 22, 1956, on page 4, columns 1-2:

Judge Kaufman Says "No"

Judge Irving Kaufman answered with a sharp and mad "no" to the appeal to free "orton Sobell from Alcatraz Frison, or, at least, to permit him a new trial.

This is the same Judge Kaufman who sentenced Ethel and Julius Rosenberg to death — an act which literally astounded humanity and gave rise to a world wide storm of anger. This is the same Judge who sentenced Morton Sobell to a living hell.

The world knows that a crying, bloody injustice was committed against the Rosenbergs and that it could only happen in an atmosphere of the cold war and McCarthy witch-hunts. Since that time the international climate has become significantly milder and the people's anger forced McCarthy to retreat quite a bit. In these changed conditions the voices of prominent and influential people have been raised, in the United States and abroad, asking for a revision in the Sobell case, releasing the young, Jewish scientist from the frightful jail where he is now incarcerated....

From a purely legal standpoint, documents have been submitted affirming the baselossness of the charges against Sobell.

But Judge Kaufman did not want to pay any attention to all this. He rejected the appeal.

Without any doubt the tribunal of public opinion will not accept this decision! The Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell will take additional steps in this direction, both through appeals to higher courts and through a wide people's struggle.

For Forton Sobell, for the honor of Averica, we should now strengthen the movement to win our demand that justice finally triumph.

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The "'ording Preficit" of June 25, 1966, on page 3, columns 3-1-5 reflected an article by "AURI PACKALL, of Chicago Enversity, concerning his book "Was Justice Done." Set out below are some excerpts from this article:

I thought it very important to meet Professor Charp, not only because he is the author of the above-mentioned book, but because he was for a time, during the final weeks in the struggle to save the Resembergs, accordated with the Resemberg and Morton Sobell defense.

Therefore it was to be expected that in a book about this case he would reveal the lies upon which Irving Saypel, the government presecutor and Roy Cohn, McCarthy's right hand man, based their case — as well as the partisumship of Judge Irving Kaufman.

Professor Sharp toars to shade the "proof" subsitted at the trial and the testimony by David Greenglass and his wife against the Rosenbergs, and he analyses Mitcher's testimony against Morton Sobell. He makes these facts public and he explains that in this case a crime was consisted which cries to the shies - against the Rosenbergs and against Sobell.

Back in December, 1955, Professor Sharp published a lengthy, almost-academic treatise, in the regasine "Scribly Review," on the books about the Rosenbergs and Morton Schell - ("The Atomic Spy Hoax") by William B. Rubin, published by "Action Books," in New York, and John Schloy's "The Judgment Of Julius And Ethal Rosenberg," published by Carron and Eahn, New York. Both books were published in 1955.

This book by Malcolm Sharp is the third in which the trial of the Rosenbergs, which are used public opinion throughout the world, is treated seriously. The particular significance of Professor Sharp's book consists of the 100-107111-3446 fact that he was one of the numbered people who was in the way from not only of the trial, but he also participated.

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Sharp cannot forgive his forwar Professor at Harvard University, Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, who waited until Forday, after the execution of the Rosenbergs, to realize that he should have voted with Douglas on Friday. "This night have influenced the other Justices who slarmed the door shut on a just trial."

During my meeting with Professor Churp he touched upon some actourcing moments in the trial and, speaking about Prombiturer, Sharp said:

"In the Sacco-Venzetti case Frankfurter stirred the world and ignited a spark in me to seek justice, and it burns within no to this day."

The you think there is ground for hoping that they will grant Forton Soboll a new trial, "I asked Professor Sharp?

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In the following schedule is set forth information developed by this office during July, 1956, relative to receipts, expenditures, assets and liabilities of the Communicat Party, USA, District (1.1

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No information developed.

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(This information obtained from examination of carrelled checks aroun on account of GNIS 1. HOOD maintuined at the Rational Charaut Bank of Youton. Further details set forth in this letter).

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Inquiries at Little Compton, Rhode Island revealed that there are no bank institutions in that city and that the nearest bank institutions in order of convenience would be Fall River, Massachusetts, New Bedford, Massachusetts, Tiverten, Rhode Island and Newport, Rhode Island.

Investigation at Tiverton and Newport, Rhode Island failed to disclose any bank accounts for O'CONNOR.

Investigation is being conducted at Fall River and New Bedford, Massachusetts to locate bank accounts in his name.

On July 9, 1956, National Shakeut Bank of Loston, midd available photostatic copies of the cancelled checks returned to GTIS A. HOOD with the most recent quarterly statement on his special checking account at that bank. The period covered by this quarterly statement was April 10, 1955 through July 9, 1956.

Included in these cancelled checks were the following:

Check #	Dite	Amount	Payee
143	4/2/56	\$ 150.00	New Century Publishe
145	11/20/56	100.00	Now Century Publishe
1.10	1./23/56	25.00	Imported Publication and Products
1.7	4/30/56	5.9)	Progressive Jewish Life, Inc.
143	5/26/56	10.35	Progressive Jowish Lafe, Inc.
149 .	5/26/56	100.00	New Contury Publish:
151	5/26/56	8.00	March of Labor
154	6/26/56	100.00	New Century Publish
155	6/25/56	6.00	Progressive Jewish
157	6/26/56	3.00	Haroh of Labor
	Total -	597.55	~1L8

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The checks payable to New Century Publishers and Progressive Jewish Life, Inc., were deposited by payee at Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City; those payable to March of Labor were deposited by payee at Commercial State Pank and Trust Company of New York, New York City; and that payable to Imported Publications and Products was deposited by payee at the Chase National Bank, New York City.

Also included in the cancelled checks is check #150, dated May 26, 1956 which was made payable to one A. A. HELLER in the amount of \$2.62. This check was endorsed by A. A. HELLER and HELEH (last name not readable) and was deposited to the account of the Sobell Committee at the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company. New York City.

A photostatic copy of this check is being enclosed for the New York Division inasmuch as that office may be able to identify the last name of the second endorser.

During the period covered by this quarterly statement for the HOOD account, a total of \$634.93 was deposited to the account. This amount consisted of \$633.23 in cash and \$51.70 in checks. The \$51.70 in checks consisted of a \$50.20 check, payable to HOOD which represented a refund on his Federal Income Tax and \$1.50 check drawn by THOMAS CERASOLI on the Barre Trust Company, Barre, Versiont.

This latter check was deposited to the account on May 29, 1956.

The balance in the account as of July 9, 1956 was in the account of \$167.64.

HOOD as a member of the District Committee, Communist Party, USA. District #1. The Report of the Special Commission to Investigate the Activities Within the Commonwealth of Missachusetts of Communist, Fascist, Nazl and other subversive organizations, so called, under House Bill 2100 on page 505 cites one A. A. HELLER as "Communist; editor, 'Soviet Russia Today', contributing editor, 'Daily Worker'".

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THOMAS CERASOLI, in a letter to the editor of the "Burlington Free Press". Burlington, Vermont, dated December 6, 1950 described himself as Chairman, Communist Party, State of Vermont.

not developed any information which would indicate that these accounts are being utilized to maintain or transfer Communist Party funds. However, savings accounts have been located for various Communist Party members, and the activity therein indicates that these savings accounts are being utilized by the Communist Party, USA, District 1. 576

On July 13, 1956, Security Trust Company, Lynn, Massachusetts, made available the bank's records pertaining to a savings account maintained at that bank by NATHANIEL and ALICE HILLS.

It was noted that at the time of the arrest of the Boston Smith Act Subjects on May 29, 1956, there was a balance of \$55.00 in the account.

Subsequent to the arrest of these individuals, deposits totalling \$2,354.00 were made to the account and a total of \$575.00 was withdrawn from the account leaving a balance of \$1,834.00 as of July 13, 1956. The \$2,354.00 in deposits consisted of \$1,855.40 in cash and \$498.52 in checks. One of these checks in the amount of \$350.00 was drawn on the Hellon National Bank and Trust Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and was deposited to the account on June 27, 1956.

It would appear that the funds deposited to this account, since the arrest of the Poston Smith Act Subjects, represent funds received from Communiat Party members or sympathizers, on behalf of those individuals arrested.

Efforts will be made by Boston to further identify the check drawn on the Mellon Mational East and Trust Company.

It was further noted that, as of March 29, 1956 at which time MICHAEL A. RUSSO District Organizer, Communist Party, USA, District 11, was arrested for violation of the Nembership Provisions of the Smith Act of 1940, there was a balance of \$740.00 in this account.

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On Harch 30, 1956, \$/39.00 was withdrawn from the account. The surety, NULLO was released in \$2,000.00 bail with surety. The surety posted for his bail was a savings account at a Hoston bank in his wife's name which had been opened on Harch 30, 1956 with a cash deposit of \$2,000.00.

on October 24, 1955, advised that as of April, 1954, NATHANIEL HILLS was the Acting Section Organizer of the Lynn Franch, Communist Party, USA, District al.

advised on Coptomber 13. 1955 that ALICE 600 Bills was a member of the Costion Committee of the Horth Chore Branch, Communist Party, USA. District #1.

On July 27, 1956, Property and Loun Association, 50 Frunklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts, made available the bank's resords pertaining to a savings account maintained at that benk by JOSEPH SHERMAN and FASA H. SHERMAN.

These rejoyds revealed that on Harch 30, 12,6, 300.00 in each was withdrawn from this account.

It is believed that this \$500.00 together with the \$739.00 withdrawn from the HILLS' account on March 30 1956, was part of the each utilized by RUSSO's wife in opening the savings account that she pooled as surely for his bail.

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SAFA R. THERMAN is the wife of Josyan Shadan.

On July 77. 1056. It was determined from the chusette that \$200.00 in each was withdrawn on July 13, 1956 from the savings account of ANNS TIMPSON and ARTHUR E.
TIMPSON maintained in that bank. The balance in this account as of July 27, 1956 was \$700.25.

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It is felt that the total of \$400.00 withdrawn from the SHERHAH and TIMPSON Savings accounts on July 13, 1956 has been used by the Communist Farty, USA, District (1, for a purpose as yet not known to this office. Poston will endeavor to determine the purpose for which this money was utilized.

on identified AMIE Tibreon as a member of the District Committee, Communist Party, USA, District #1.

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The foregoing information gives a good indication that the reserve fund of the Communist Party, USA, District #1, may be maintained in savinge accounts of various trusted members. In view of this, Moston will attempt to locate and analyze additional savings recounts which may be maintained by trusted Communist Party members. It is felt that such investigation may provide this office with valuable information relative to the receive fund.

This office is endeavoring to develop a highly confidential source ut the residence of KATIE E. HECK, District Committee member of the Communist Party, USA, District 1 and at the residences of other individuals who have been identified as --hamiling Communist Party funds. Since the initiation of this intencified investigation of Communist Party funds, this office has been morble to establish any highly considerable nources due to law of assurance that matthem recariby could be maintained. However, efforts to establish asse are continuing.

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Information set forth in this letter from records of banks was received on a confidential basis and is not to be made public, except in a usual propositing, following the issuance of a calpoonu.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-51729)

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: SA ALBERT N. CARLBLOM

SUBJECT: DOWNTOWN CLUB

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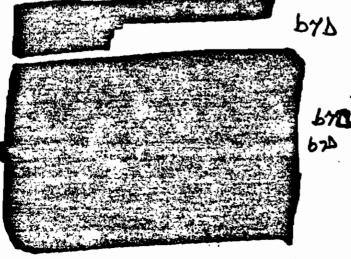
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The speaker talked about the MORTON SOBELL case and compared what happened during the witch hunts in Salem in the

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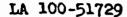
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colonial days Guilt by association was mentioned.

For the information of the New York Office a current source, advised SA WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN on 10/13/55, that the Downtown Club is a former Independent Progressive Party club which became an autonomous organization during the Spring of 1955 after the IPP had lost its place on the ballot. Its principal activity is to sponsor a weekly forum which frequently features CP members and it follows the rogram set up by the IPP.

According to the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1948 pages 40-41 the IPP is "among typical mass organizations that are victims of Communist domination."

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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TO .

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: August 7, 1956

FROM S

SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-16408)

SUBJECT:

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IS - C

On July 2, 1956, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to SA LLOYD S. GOODROW the following items

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A leaflet entitled "Changing Public Opinion, 1955-1956", reprinted as a public service by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City.



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- A leaflet entitled "In Their Memory", printed as a public service by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York, New York.
- A business reply envelope addressed to Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York.



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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

SAC, KE! YORK (100-107111)

FROM : SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO

SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE

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On 5/14/56 Chemical Corn Exchange Lank, 20th Street and Fifth Avenue, MIC, made available to the writer on a confidential basis the bank records concerning. the above-captioned account.

A raviou of the records located at the bank reflected that this account was opened on with the 11/5/54 and that the authorized signers are HEREN L. SO EVE, President, and JETT: METER Secretary-Treasurer. According to both individuals must sign all checks and that the purpose of the committee was to secure justice for HONTON SOBELL. The address was listed as 1050 Sixth Avenue, MYC.

On Childh and the second of th d or our etwich, lie, made available the vouchers for this particular account. A review of the vouchers for the month of Hay 1956 reflected the following items considered portinent:

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Memo to SAC

Re: SOBALL COMMITTEE

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663	5/4/56	EAVEN PORKIRS	6l; •60	Manchester Annh of St. Souis, Miscouri

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